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Third World Gays Meet Carter Aides

WASHINGTON, DC — Twelve third world gay men and lesbians met at the White House on June 5 with Jane Wales and Abigail Havens, representatives of President Jimmy Carter. The delegation represented black, hispanic, and oriental gay persons. The topics of discussion, however, was not limited to lesbian and gay issues, but covered subjects of concern to all third world persons.

The meeting was a result of a letter written several months ago by representatives of the National Coalitions of Black Gays (NCBG), and it was the second time that representatives of the Carter administration have met with a delegation from the lesbian and gay communities. The first time was in 1977, when Midge Costanza, then a Carter aide, met with a delegation from the National Gay Task Force (NGTF).

When the meeting was requested, NCBG co-coordinators A. Billy S. Jones and Delores Berry expressed the feeling that NGTF had focused too narrowly on gay rights issues, and they felt that third world gay people

needed to address a wider range of issues of discrimination facing them. "No one form of oppression is more tolerable than another," they said.

According to a report in the Washington (DC) *Blade*, the delegation dealt with several issues during the course of the meeting, one of them being affirmative action policies. The group expressed "great concern" about the *Bakke* and *Weber* cases, both of which involve white males who have argued that they have been discriminated against in favor of women and minorities under existing affirmative action laws.

Through Wales and Haven, the delegates urged that Carter express his support for the Waxman-Weiss Bill (HR 2074) currently before the House of Representatives. The bill, backed by 44 co-sponsors to date, seeks to ban discrimination based on sexual orientation. Carter has previously stated that he opposes such discrimination, but has yet to take a public stand on this particular bill. In addition to seeking Carter's support for this bill, the delegates called on the President to issue an

executive order banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation at all levels of the executive branch of government, including the military.

The Carter administration was commended for its support of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), but the group said that the backers of a proposed constitutional amendment to ban discrimination on the basis of sex were placing too much emphasis on white professional women. The *Blade* quotes Renee McCoy, a delegate from Detroit, as saying, "The black working woman does not see ERA as helping her at all."

Carter was praised for his strong stand on world-wide human rights issues, but the delegates expressed hope that he would go further and call for an end to "acts of terror" against gay people around the world. They were particularly concerned about Iran, where the Khomeini government has executed several gay persons. Also mentioned by the delegates were the governments of Argentina, Cuba, Chile, Ethiopia, and South Korea.

In addition, the group expressed concern over the policies of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) regulations which use homosexuality as a basis for denying citizenship or entry into the United States. The delegates called for an end to the



A delegation of third world lesbians and gay men discussed a wide variety of issues with representatives of the Carter government at a June 5 meeting at the White House.

"brutal practices" they claimed INS used against illegal immigrants.

The Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) was also cited as a source of concern, as CETA provides job training and employment opportunities for the "hard core urban poor." CETA's funds have been cut in 1980 federal budget.

Wales promised to respond to the points raised by the delegation within 30 days, saying that she

needs more time to study them before she will be able to make any recommendations to Carter. She said, however, that "many of the issues raised relate to social and attitudinal problems in which the government cannot help."

The delegates to the meeting were Delores Berry, Billy Jones, Renee McCoy, Gilberto Gerald, Sidney Brinkley, Jon Gee, Darlene Hines, Siu-Ming Ng, Carolyn Pickett, Stephanie Wilson, and Ernie Acosta.

Woman Named NGTF Co-Director

By Cindy Stein

NEW YORK, NY — Lucia Valeska, a lesbian feminist activist from Albuquerque, New Mexico, has been named by the Board of Directors of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF) as the new Co-Executive Director of the organization. Valeska succeeds to the position left vacant by the outgoing Jean O'Leary who resigned from NGTF for "personal reasons."

A 39-year old sociologist who is completing a dissertation on the history of lesbian feminism, Valeska is a co-ordinator of the New Mexico Coalition of Lesbian and Gay Rights Organizations and an instructor in Women's Studies at the University of New Mexico. She is also the mother of three children, ages eleven through sixteen.

Not a card-carrying member of NGTF, Valeska nevertheless feels that the organization can play a "crucial role in the effort" to bring lesbians and gay men together. She told GCN that NGTF "still does not yet represent the needs and perspectives of lesbians as it should. Women comprise only 16% of the total membership. If we're going to be a force in NGTF, there are going to have to be more of us."

In addition, Valeska is con-

cerned with the participation of third world gays and rural gays in the movement and particularly in NGTF. She explained that efforts in these directions must be directed at both the national and local levels.

When asked to comment on NGTF's decision to withhold its endorsement of the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights, Valeska stated that she personally supports the march. She added that, at its last Board meeting, NGTF decided to reevaluate its position with an eye toward "looking to finding a way to support the march." The official decision will probably be made after the Houston conference on the march scheduled to take place in July.

Valeska stated that she does not view NGTF as a politically conservative organization. "One of the things that I told the Board during my interview," she said, "was that I thought that NGTF had brought about some pretty radical changes over the years." She, however, does not feel that current criticisms directed at NGTF concerning its political image are "conjured up." "At this time," she said, "my feeling is that NGTF had projected that image and hasn't represented the spectrum of needs in the gay com-



Donna Gray photo

Lucia Valeska, new Co-Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force.

munity and must move in that direction. It would be suicidal for it to pretend to represent any single interest."

In an NGTF press release, Kay Whitlock and Richard Cash, the Co-Chairs of the Board of Directors, stated that it was a "distinct pleasure" to welcome Lucia Valeska to NGTF. "As our movement enters its second decade," they stated, we are confident that NGTF will be well served by her outstanding leadership qualities, her many years of experience in the movement, and her respect for the diversity of the lesbian and gay communities."

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British Gays Stopped at U.S. Border

By Lew Lasher

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — An immigration official at San Francisco International Airport spotted a gay pride button on a photographer from the London *Gay News* and tried to have him sent back to England. Carl Hill, 32, is technically in the custody of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). Although he will be able to stay in the United States to cover the Gay Freedom Day parade on June 24, his legal status is in limbo. It is unlikely that Hill's case will bring about a legal challenge to the law which requires that gay residents of other countries not be allowed to enter the U.S.

Hill and his lover, Michael Mason, news editor of the *Gay News*, flew into San Francisco together on June 13. While Mason went through Customs without incident, Hill was detained for over four hours, presumably because of his button. When, upon questioning, Hill admitted to being a "practicing homosexual," the INS officer told him he could not legally enter the country. It was not possible for him to be flown back to England immediately, so the INS gave him "parole" until midnight on June 14. When Mason and Hill checked into their hotel and told their story, the

hotel manager helped them find legal assistance.

Gay Rights Advocates (GRA), a non-profit law firm, took the case. According to Don Knutson, Executive Director of GRA, the first priority was to allow Hill to stay legally in the United States for as long as he had originally expected to stay. When the INS ordered Hill to submit to a mental examination to determine whether he was a homosexual, GRA's first maneuver was to delay the process. A cooperating psychologist delayed the examination until June 20, and the INS agreed to extend Hill's "parole" until June 22. The psychologist was then taken off the case and replaced by a psychiatrist.

Knutson then tried to get the examination stopped altogether. In addition to saving Hill the "indignity" involved, reasoned Knutson, Hill would then be given the right to appeal any INS decision to exclude him from the U.S. (Under the current law, a medical certification of a physical or mental "defect or disease" would make the exclusion unreviewable.) Hill would be able to stay legally in the U.S. until the appeal was decided, and a federal judge could conceivably make a precedent-setting decision that

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5000 Celebrate Boston Gay Pride

BOSTON, MA — Amid chants of "2-4-6-8, How do you know your wife is straight" and "We don't want disco, we want San Francisco," as well as other more traditional chants, thousands of lesbians and gay men paraded through the streets of Boston on Saturday, June 16, in celebration of Gay Pride Week and in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Stonewall rebellion, considered by many to be the birth of the modern gay liberation movement.

Deputy Superintendent Robert H. Bradley of the Boston Police

Department estimated the size of the crowd at 5,000, and several notable figures were observed moving along the route of the march, which began at Copley Square in the heart of Boston's largely gay Back Bay section and moved through the downtown area to the Boston Common for a rally, passing the State House en route. Former State Representative Elaine Noble marched the length of the parade with her mother Ruth, who had come up from Philadelphia for the weekend. Robin MacCormack, Special Assistant to Mayor Kevin White,

and State Rep. Mel King (D-South End) were also among those present.

Arriving at the Common, the marchers settled down on the lawn under the hot sun for a program of speakers and entertainment. Joe Interrante, who, along with Kathy Travers, moderated the program, said that some people did begin to drift away after the line of march reached the Common, but "I'm glad that as many people stuck around as did." Asked for his comments on this year's rally, Interrante said, "I

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News Notes

quote of the week

"He is a crook. He is a fraud. He is a sponger. He is a whiner. He is a parasite. But, of course, he could still be telling the truth. It is a question of belief."

—Judge Sir Joseph Cantley, presiding in the murder conspiracy trial of former Liberal Party leader Jeremy Thorpe in London's Old Bailey courthouse. The remarks were addressed to the jury and made reference to Norman Scott, the model who claims to have had a love affair with Thorpe and whom the latter is accused of conspiring to murder. The trial is nearing an end.

aclu asks for assistance

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — The American Civil Liberties Union Gay Rights Chapter (ACLU-GRC) is asking for assistance in the matter of a foreign publication which has been seized by the authorities of U.S. Customs.

The ACLU-GRC reports that U.S. Customs in Los Angeles has seized a copy of *Revolt*, a Swedish gay magazine, and declared it obscene. "The magazine contains nude pictures," according to a press release, "but they are not hardcore." The seized issue contains a translation of a short story by San Francisco writer Daniel Curzon, "The Hideous Beast," reprinted from his collection called *The Revolt of the Perverts*.

Anyone who can give assistance in the matter is asked to contact the ACLU-GRC, 814 Mission St., Suite 301, San Francisco, CA 94103.

nuestro primer encuentro

CAMBRIDGE, MA — Un evento historico e único se llevó a cabo este pasado viernes, el 15 de junio, en un salón de la Casa Harriet Tubman — la primera reunión de lesbianas y homosexuales latinos de Boston. Organizado por un pequeño grupo llamado el "comité latino de lesbianas y homosexuales de Boston," aparecieron 21 personas, cual fué un número bastante grande y no esperado por los organizadores. Después de poco rato nos dimos cuenta de la gran variedad cultural y de las diversas experiencias de todos presente. Esta gran variedad se hizo más obvio cuando cada uno se presentó al grupo y habló un poco de como se sentía siendo lesbiana o homosexual, de como ha sido su experiencia "saliendo del armario" y declarandose, y de que tipo de problemas se ha encontrado siendo su propio ser. Este tipo de intercambio — expresando experiencias parecidas — nos ayudó a unirnos más. El encuentro terminó con canciones y declamaciones de poesías escritas por miembros del comité. En futuras semanas se anunciará nuestro segundo encuentro. Esté alerta para saber la fecha exacta y el lugar. Cualquier tipo de correspondencia se podrá enviar a: el Comité, P.O. Box 365, Cambridge, MA 02139.

On Friday, June 15, a first for Boston's gay community took place at the Harriet Tubman House — the first meeting of Hispanic lesbians and gay men. Organized by a small group called the Boston Committee of Hispanic Lesbians and Homosexuals, 21 Latin men and women attended, more than the organizers ever expected. Immediately apparent was the cultural diversity and range of experiences of the entire gathering — made even more apparent as people took turns in introducing themselves and in saying something about how each person felt about being gay, about coming out, and about problems that are encountered being one's true self. Sharing common experiences brought everyone much closer together. The evening concluded with poetry readings and original songs composed by members of the committee. In the weeks ahead a second gathering will be announced. Send all inquiries to: el Comité, P.O. Box 365, Cambridge, MA 02139.

no foul play

BOSTON, MA — The Suffolk County Medical Examiner last week ruled that the cause of 42-year-old James Nutting's death on May 27 was chronic alcoholism (see GCN Vol. 6, No. 46). No evidence of foul play was indicated, sources reported.

mass. raises funds for houston

BOSTON, MA — A fund-raising event will be held July 1 to raise funds to send the Massachusetts delegation to the July 6-8 Houston conference for the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. The delegation is in need of funds for transportation and housing expenses in Houston and urges all supporters of the march to attend these fundraisers.

A "Come As You Were, Come As You Are!" rock 'n' roll bash will be held from 2-8 p.m. at The Bar at 252 Boylston St. The party will include skits and entertainment about gay life in the sixties and will feature '60s rock music at the disco. A \$3 donation is asked at the door, and information on the Oct. 14 march will be available.

The Massachusetts March Committee is putting out an information and advertising booklet this summer and is asking individuals and organizations to contribute money toward the march organizing efforts. Contributors of \$10 will be listed as "endorsers" and contributors of \$25 will be listed as "sponsors." The committee urges all individuals and organizations to send their checks made out to "March on Washington" to GCN Box 20, 22 Bromfield St., Boston 02108.

new pamphlet addresses discharges

LOS ANGELES, CA — The Gay Community Services Center of Hollywood has issued a pamphlet entitled *Upgrading Gay and Lesbian Veteran Discharges*. The brochure is sponsored and distributed by the Gay Rights Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU-GRC) of Southern California.

The brochure explains that lesbians and gay men with less than honorable discharges from the military may have their discharges upgraded under the amnesty accorded to Vietnam war resisters, but only through the end of this year. Copies of the brochure may be ordered for 20 cents each, and bulk rates are available for groups and organizations.

ACLU-GRC is also in the process of assembling a national list of attorneys available for handling gay and lesbian cases. Names of such attorneys may be sent to the ACLU-GRC, 633 S. Shatto Place, Los Angeles, CA 90005. Please include name, address, phone number, and legal specialty. The brochure may be ordered from the same address.

arnone gets suspended sentence

ARLINGTON, VA — Alan J. Arnone, convicted in May of involuntary manslaughter in the beating death of Ronald J. Pettine two years ago (see GCN, Vol. 6, No. 41), has been given a suspended sentence by a judge who ordered him to enroll in a vocational rehabilitational program.

The sentence meted out by Circuit Court Judge William L. Winston was that which was recommended by the jury which convicted Arnone on April 26. The charge on which Arnone and two other men were tried was murder.

black women in print

BROOKLYN, NY — *Conditions*, a magazine of writing by women with an emphasis on writing by lesbians, will make available in August *Conditions: Five, The Black Women's Issue*, to be guest edited by Lorraine Bethel and Barbara Smith. A partial list of contributors includes Becky Birtha, Tia Carstarphen, Michelle T. Clinton, Pat Parker, Audre Lord, Niobeth, Mary Watkins, Janet Singleton, Ann Allén Shockley, Ntozake Shange, Sharon Harley, and Rosalyn Terborg-Penn. Issues 1-4 of *Conditions* are also available.

Subscriptions are \$8 per year for three issues, single issues are \$3, and hardship and institutional rates are available.

To order, or to obtain more information, write *Conditions*, P.O. Box 56, Van Brunt Station, Brooklyn, NY 11215.

hotel evicts rights group

PORTLAND, OR — The Portland Town Council (PTC), Oregon's leading gay rights group, has been denied the use of the facilities of the Mallory Hotel. The Mallory, site of the PTC's monthly dinner meetings for the past eight months, summarily cancelled all future dates on May 24.

The management of the hotel provided no reason for its action. According to PTC, "The degrading nature of the Mallory's action brings home to the PTC the repugnance of discrimination. We have no legal recourse, and none will be available until gay civil rights statutes are enacted."

The PTC has urged that letters of protest be sent to the manager of the Mallory, William Caswell, at 729 S.W. 15th Ave., Portland, OR 97205.

afternoon of women's culture

BROOKLINE, MA — An afternoon of women's culture sponsored by the lesbian caucus of the Lesbian and Gay Peoples March on Washington will be held on Sunday, July 1, from 1-5 p.m., at the Common Stock Restaurant, 48 Boylston St. in Brookline (Brookline Village MBTA stop).

Music and other entertainment will be provided by local lesbian performers Hillary Kay, Della Gelfer, Jonie Schwartz, Amy Couture, and Nancy Aberle.

The suggested donation is \$3, and proceeds will go towards defraying some of the expenses involved in sending delegates from the Mass. Coalition for the March to the next national conference in Houston next month.

Additional information can be obtained by calling the Gay Hotline, (617) 426-9371, Monday-Friday from 6-12 p.m.

march on washington update

WASHINGTON, DC — Mayor Marlon Barry has signed a petition which states, "We the undersigned residents of Washington, DC, Virginia, and Maryland support the March for Lesbian and Gay Rights to be held on Oct. 14, 1979." Barry, who says he has been attending Gay Pride Day celebrations since the early 1970s, signed the petition at this year's celebration, where he was one of the featured speakers to address the crowd. In signing the petition, Barry became the first of Washington's elected officials to endorse the march.

The National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights is opposed by the Gay Activist Alliance/DC. At the Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference on May 5, support for the march was withheld by a vote of delegates representing Delaware, West Virginia, Maryland, Northern Virginia, and the District of Columbia.

back bay meets the police

BOSTON, MA — In what one Back Bay resident called "a blanket mailing," residents of the Back Bay section are being invited by Boston Police District 4 to attend a community meeting with members of the police department. The purpose of the meeting, stated in the mailing, is "to explain a new neighborhood-oriented policing program." The mailing invited "residents, businesspersons, and users of the neighborhood" to attend the meeting on Tuesday, June 26, from 7-9 p.m., at the First Baptist Church, 110 Commonwealth Ave.

radcliffe lesbians meet

CAMBRIDGE, MA — Lesbian Alumnae of Radcliffe College (LARC) met for the first time June 8, at Fay House in Radcliffe Yard during the College's centennial reunion festivities. Alumnae present, most of whom had never wanted to attend a class reunion because of the emphasis on heterosexuality, represented decades from the '50s to the '70s.

The group shared past and current experiences and made future plans to further organize the lesbian alumnae by next June.

Some of the women who came are mothers and shared the problems this raises for them as lesbians. Others referred to hiding from employers. A student still in the area said she feels lesbians seek support off-campus now, where things are more open. However, the alumnae realized they have no contact with current gay students and would like to be known to them.

Plans were made for strengthening the Lesbian Alumnae of Radcliffe College during the next year. They are actively seeking alumnae who might be interested in writing articles to submit to the Radcliffe *Quarterly*, the alumnae journal sent to all graduates of the school, in order to get the lesbian experience into the alumnae mind, and to encourage the inclusion of heretofore unrepresented ideas in the magazine.

The group also hopes to work toward becoming a support network for lesbian alumnae. It feels that alumnae associations usually exist to raise money to support the system to which their institutions belong, whereas this group would like to act as a reminder that the system does not work for all. By June, 1980, it hopes to meet with many more lesbian women and their friends. Women interested in getting in touch with LARC may write to Judith Gregory, Jaffrey, NH 03452.

lesbian mothers' fund plans bikeathon

SEATTLE, WA — The Lesbian Mothers' National Defense Fund (LMNDF), which for almost five years has provided legal, emotional, and financial support to lesbian mothers across the country, is planning its second annual Seattle-to-San Francisco Bikeathon. The event is planned as a fund-raiser for LMNDF, which each month pays 20 attorneys fees which range between several hundred dollars and over \$10,000.

The LMNDF is seeking women who want to bike all the way or part of the way between the two cities, a distance of about 1,000 miles. They also seek sponsoring organizations and lesbian mothers who can collect pledges for the bikeathon.

Any individual or group wishing to participate is asked to write Linda at LMNDF, P.O. Box 21567, Seattle, WA 98111, or call (206) 325-2643.

sixth confab: men and masculinity

MILWAUKEE, WI — The Sixth National Conference on Men and Masculinity will be held at the Milwaukee campus of the University of Wisconsin from Oct. 24-28. Six themes will be addressed through workshops, speakers, papers, etc.: love for ourselves, love between men and women, love between men, love for children, love for society, and love for our earth.

The registration fee ranges from \$15-25, depending on one's ability to pay. For additional information, write the Sixth National Conference Committee, c/o Chicago Men's Gathering, P.O. Box 11076, Chicago, IL 60611.

A statement issued by the committee states, "The Conference Committee regrets that a site in Illinois could not be chosen since Illinois has not ratified E.R.A. (the Equal Rights Amendment)."

rfd sees gay new england

ORANGE, MA — "Gay Life in Rural New England" will be the focus of the fall issue of *RFD*, the quarterly journal for gay men living in the country. The issue will be put together in New England, then sent to *RFD* "headquarters" in North Carolina for production and distribution. The summer issue has just been completed by a group in Tennessee.

For the New England issue, gay men who live in the country or who grew up in the country are invited to submit first-person accounts about any aspect of their lives — present or past — including relationships with gays or straights, sexuality, economic survival, etc. Photographs and drawings (black and white) are also needed. Mail to: *RFD*, c/o Butterworth Farm, RFD 2, Orange, MA 01364. People interested in working on layout should write to the same address. Deadline for submissions is July 31; layout will take place in early August.

For information about subscriptions, or for a sample copy of *RFD*, (\$1.50), write to *RFD*, Route 2, Box 92E, Efland, NC 27243.

After Five Years of Waiting, Gay Man Gets Justice

News Commentary

By David Brill

BOSTON, MA — The story of a casual encounter five years ago in a gay cruising area that turned into a nightmare for an ex-Boston gay man ended last week in Suffolk Superior Court. The product of the trial was something that many in the community believe is unattainable for gays: justice.

It began on April 11, 1974, when Brian Harrison, now 32, was cruising "The Block" in Boston's Back Bay area. He met a man in a brown Cadillac who drove him to a side street where the two had sex. He was driven back to The Block (see GCN, Vol. 2, No. 10).

The man in the Cadillac returned a few minutes later with a young woman in the car. He jumped out of the car, called Harrison "a fuckin' fag," and forced him into the car. The driver threatened to kill Harrison if he did not turn over his money, of which there was none. They drove to a house on Kendrick Street in Brighton, where the assailant pulled a .22 caliber gun on Harrison, beat him over the head, and continued to demand money.

The man forced Harrison out of the house, but he managed to escape for a minute while his assailant chased him. Before the next-door neighbor could call the police, the man had shot Harrison once in the chest at point-blank range. The bullet was lodged so close to the heart that it was not removed for two years, causing the victim a vast array of internal medical problems. He spent nearly four months in a hospital.

Harrison was reluctant at first to tell the police the details of the incident, but finally, after some coaxing, he did. At that point, Detectives Bob Hughes and Tom Moran went to work on apprehending a man known by many names, the real one being Anthony Zaccagnini.

Finding the Suspect

Anthony Zaccagnini has been called a pimp, a hustler, and a mugger. His criminal record, which began 15 years ago at the age of 12, includes convictions on numerous crimes of violence, including those involving guns. Finding him was made more difficult by his use of a half-dozen other identities (all documented),



Marge Chaset photo

a habit of moving from state to state, a twin brother, and some bureaucratic foul-ups at Boston Police District 14. He was successful for four and a half years.

Moran and Hughes did not give up, however, and on June 4, Zaccagnini went to trial in Suffolk Superior Court on four charges: assault with intent to murder, assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, kidnapping, and assault with intent to commit armed robbery. Judge Charles R. Alberti, an

exceptionally intelligent and fair member of the bench, presided. The prosecutor was Assistant Suffolk District Attorney Sandra Hamlin, a highly regarded prosecutor with an excellent conviction rate who is rumored to be in line for a judgeship. For the defense: George Burke, a skilled lawyer better known for his law-and-order stances when he served as Norfolk County District Attorney.

The Trial

Alberti denied several defense motions to suppress certain evidence in the case, such as photographs of Zaccagnini going back to 1968. The jury, which neither the defense nor the prosecution questioned for biases before the trial, seemed unmoved when it was brought out that Harrison and Zaccagnini met each other in a gay encounter.

The rowdiest point of the trial came when Harrison was being cross-examined by Burke, who tried to claim that Harrison had the gun and he attacked Zaccagnini. Burke made several insulting comments and questions about Harrison's homosexuality, obviously trying — and succeeding — to ruffle him. When Burke asked if it wasn't true that Harrison tried to assault Zaccagnini, the former jumped out of the witness stand and walked away. Burke was happy. (He shouldn't

have been, because he just proved Hamlin's case: Harrison was no attacker).

Denise Clark, a known prostitute, testified on behalf of Zaccagnini. She claimed that Harrison was the attacker, but was unable to explain, under cross-examination by Hamlin, why, if that was so, Zaccagnini ran from the scene and moved out of the Kendrick Street apartment the next day. (On the last day of the trial, Clark's "beeper" went off in the courtroom, causing a few smiles in an otherwise serious atmosphere.)

Alberti charged the jury on June 13. The jurors, whose average age seemed about 55 or so, stayed out all day Wednesday without reaching a verdict. Harrison was afraid he would become a victim of "Dan White justice" — i.e., he deserved it because he's gay. The jurors stayed out all day Thursday, but finally came back with their verdict at the end of the day.

On the charges of assault with intent to rob and kidnapping, NOT GUILTY. On the charges of assault with intent to murder and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, GUILTY. Several people in the courtroom, including Zaccagnini, started to weep. The judge revoked the defendant's bail and remanded

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Gay Employment Survey Released

By George Michaelson

BOSTON, MA — Two-thirds of the gay men and lesbians surveyed in a recent study of employment patterns and attitudes in the Boston gay community have kept their sexual orientation secret from their employers, and half of these "closeted workers" are seriously concerned that they would lose a promotion or even be fired if their employers discovered their homosexuality. These are among the results of a survey conducted by eight first-year students at the Boston College Graduate School of Social Work under the sponsorship of the Homophile Community Health Service (HCHS).

According to Don Farwell, Office Manager of HCHS, the Health Service undertook the project to determine the level of per-

ceived and actual discrimination against lesbians and gay men in the Boston area. This information will be useful to HCHS in counselling clients who may have faced discrimination, said Farwell, and he hopes the survey will help lobbying efforts for anti-discrimination legislation. "There's been a dearth of empirical evidence of discrimination," he noted, "and we hope this survey will help demonstrate the need for legal protection."

Students in a research course at Boston College approached the Health Service early this year about the possibility of conducting the survey, and by March had prepared a three-page questionnaire for distribution under HCHS auspices. Some 1500 questionnaires were distributed in

March and April. 461 people, two-thirds of them men, returned the questionnaires, and the results were tabulated and analyzed in May. The 100-page report, including some 50 pages of statistical data, was recently released to GCN.

One third of the respondents were clients or staff of HCHS, and the rest were reached through 13 gay organizations in the Boston area, including Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), Dignity, Am Tikva, Integrity, Unitarian Universalist Church, ClearSpace, the Gay Health Collective, and Gay Professional Women. Because of anticipated logistical difficulties, the students did not attempt to distribute the questionnaires in the bars, despite the fact

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CETA Denies Funding to Alaska Group

By Warren Blumenfeld

ANCHORAGE, AK — The Alaska Gay Community Center, Inc. (AGCC) has been denied federal funding under the Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) Title VI Program. AGCC requested \$93,774 for the stated purpose of providing "social services to the Alaska homophile community, and to increase community understanding of the gay sexual orientation, gay lifestyles and other aspects of the minority group."

In an attempt to show a precedent for such funding, AGCC listed four gay organizations which have received federal monies: the Los Angeles Gay Community Service Center, currently receiving \$1,257,000; Seattle Gay Community Center in its fifth year of CETA funding currently receiving \$100,000; Gay Alliance of Genesee Valley (New York), in its second year of CETA funding currently receiving \$22,000; and the National Gay Task Force (NGTF), currently receiving \$55,000.

Nan Harty, AGCC board member and grant writer, submitted the grant proposal to CETA on March 9, 1979. Two months later she received a letter from Vince P. Fennimore of the Anchorage Department of Social Services stating that the funding request had been denied. Fennimore's reasons for the denial were threefold: "(a) To fund services for gay persons because they are gay would be a recognition by the Government of a viewpoint on sexual behavior; CETA should not fund the advocacy of a moral position; (b) no Federal, State, or local legislation grants gay persons protected status; in other words, this is not a minority group with legal recourse against 'discrimination'; (c) the project does not provide a benefit to the public; the CETA Regulations require that Title VI projects have a 'public service objective'."

GCN contacted Leonard Hamilton, spokesperson for AGCC, for a reaction to the CETA decision. Hamilton said that his organization did indeed have a comprehensive "public service objective" which was written into their funding proposal. At the present

time, at least 50% of the center's efforts go into public informational and outreach programs. Hamilton went on to state, "At the moment, we are trying to find out what recourse we have to the decision. Charles Eggen, a member of the Center, wrote to the National Gay Task Force in New York to ask them what options are left open to us."

One option that AGCC is presently pursuing is a proposal which they plan to submit to the Alaska office of Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA). "AGCC is encouraged by the VISTA coordinator's response to our inquiry about obtaining VISTA volunteers for the Center. If this proposal is accepted, the VISTA volunteers would be used to expand the hours the Center is open."

AGCC was founded in Oct. 1977. An old two bedroom house was rented in downtown Anchorage and staffed by volunteers from the lesbian and gay communities. According to Hamilton, "the greatest thing about the Center is that there is a great deal of communication between the men and women. Lesbian and gay men are volunteering in equal numbers and we all work really well together."

The Center's services and activities include a speakers bureau, a 24-hour telephone information and crisis hotline, a gay alcoholics anonymous group, a Saturday rap group including both lesbians and gay men, a referral program listing professional services to the lesbian and gay communities, and a housing and job referral program. The Center tapes a weekly public affairs radio program which is broadcast on Anchorage radio station KSKA-FM and on a station in Juneau, the state capital. AGCC publishes a two-page monthly newsletter, *The Anchorage Gay Community News*, which includes a calendar of events and new headlines. The Center is currently open seven evenings a week from 6-10 p.m. People are invited to visit the Alaska Gay Community Center at 837 I Street in Anchorage, or to write to P.O. Box 4-1971, Anchorage, AK 99509.



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Priest Arrested on Morals Charge

By Tommi Avicolti

PHILADELPHIA, PA — In what has struck the gay community here as pure irony, Rev. Leo J. McKenzie, the Archdiocesan spokesperson who expressed the official Catholic Church's viewpoint against the passage of this city's gay rights bill (#1275) in 1975, was arrested recently in New Orleans' French Quarter for attempted sodomy. McKenzie allegedly propositioned an undercover male vice squad officer in a porno bookstore in New Orleans' gay district. The charges were eventually dropped, however, because "basically there wasn't enough proof," according to Charles Denechaud, who acts as a legal counsel for the Archdiocese of New Orleans. In addition, he

said, the circumstances of the arrest constituted entrapment.

McKenzie was in New Orleans to conduct a workshop on "religious communications at Loyola University," the Philadelphia *Bulletin* reported. McKenzie, a communications director for the Archdiocese, often travels with Archbishop Krol, and accompanied him to Rome last year for the funerals of both Popes Paul VI and John Paul I.

When McKenzie was arrested, he gave the police a false name, and spent three nights in jail. Then he phoned Loyola University and asked for help. The *Bulletin* quotes Loyola spokesperson Gene Katasanis as saying that McKenzie "panicked and gave a false name when he was ar-

rested."

"He was staying on campus," Katasanis continued. "Nobody thought anything about not seeing him over the weekend [the arrest occurred on a Friday night and McKenzie was released the following Tuesday afternoon], because he has been to New Orleans before and he had free time."

Rev. McKenzie was not available for comment. However, Archbishop Krol, speaking at a press conference about his recent trip to Poland with the Pope, said he could not condemn McKenzie for being arrested. However, he would have no further statement, he cautioned, until he had spoken to McKenzie and learned all of the facts in the case.

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Correction

Last week's (Vol. 6, No. 47) cover photo credit should have gone to Victor Parker, courtesy of *Michael's Thing*. The plaque itself was hung on the wall of what was the Stonewall Inn.

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Community Voices

a new society

Dear GCN Readers,
Right on, Mary Burns!

Your letter about your reactions to the Dan White verdict and aftermath expresses very well my own feelings and political views. Wallowing in violent behavior and exalting macho models will not liberate gay people nor help create a new society committed to social justice, peace and respect for the uniqueness of every human being.

I too do not have good answers to your questions about how to work for such goals effectively and without violence or exploitation of people who are vulnerable (almost all of us). We who espouse feminist socialism must give priority to the difficult but crucial tasks to developing currently useful analyses and strategies, even if partial or tentative, and of using these for building unified struggles against fascism among the women's, third world, human rights, anti-war and socialist/communist movements.

I look forward to being part of such a nationwide effort.

In loving solidarity,
Walter Lear, M.D.
Philadelphia, PA

non-violence

To everyone,

I'm writing in response to Mary Burns' letter in the June 16 GCN about violence and non-violence in the lesbian and gay movement. I believe in non-violence; at the Dan White verdict demonstration in Boston I carried a radical Mitzel sign that said "Disband All Police Departments." (*Disarm* them might have been closer to what I actually want, but the point was a good one.)

I too, had ambivalent feelings about the recent happenings in San Francisco as well as about the subsequent march in Boston to protest the verdict. I was marching, not to show support for what the righteously angry people rioting in San Francisco did, but simply to be part of a gay and lesbian presence in the streets of Boston. After listening to the more reasonable speakers that day, and reading the editorial in GCN about the verdict, I felt that I had marched to protest the system that creates Dan Whites and unfair verdicts as well.

I had good feelings about the speakers who managed to convey a radical message without asking for Dan White's head or violence in the streets. On the other hand, when I heard the self-aggrandizing Jim Foster pontificate about being nice, I became annoyed and laughed out loud at him. Other people reacted more strongly. They began yelling "fight back," in an effort to shout him down. This was a mindless, angry, violent response — a verbal equivalent to the overturning of cars in San Francisco. The shouting annoyed me, perhaps even more that the reactionary remarks that the shouters were trying to get rid of. Violent actions like these feed on the accepted violence in our society and add to it. Mary Burns is right, I think, in calling these kinds of responses "macho chest-thumping." What does yelling "fight back" at silly Jim Foster really do? The shouters were trying to show that they didn't buy Jim Foster's politics of placation and that they were more radical than he was. But being more radical that thou does not necessarily mean being more violent. One can be radical and non-violent at the same time (remember my sign?). They are not contradictory terms.

I believe in righteous anger, although I am unfortunately too cynical now to feel it much myself. But I do feel very strongly that righteous violence is wrong. As I write these words, I realize that I am practically disavowing the actions that began our modern liberation movement at the Stonewall Inn ten years ago. Perhaps it's easy to believe in non-violence from my comparatively safe middle-class intellectual perch, but I feel it in my gut, too. And I do admit that I don't have all the guidelines for a non-violent revolution worked out. I don't know a good way to respond to a pointless and counterproductive speaker at what could be a radicalizing rally, nor do I know how we can forcefully show that we're not going to take subtle oppression and unsuitable violence anymore without being violent ourselves. But I do know that Mary Burns is not the only one troubled by lesbians and gays acting violently in an already too violent world.

Dee Michel
Cambridge, MA

Apology

"Community Voices" is a column intended to provide a forum for the presentation, exchange and clash of ideas. Personal attacks don't belong here and should be edited out of letters. In last week's GCN, Robbie Rosenberg was maligned in a letter. GCN apologizes to Robbie for letting this one pass.

star spangled banner

Dear GCN,

I am greatly disturbed by two letters printed last week condemning the violence in San Francisco. If these people want to sing their protest songs and protest peacefully while they are marched into the ovens like the Jews, fine, but count me out.

These dear pacifist doves are going to have to wake up to reality — everyone isn't so nice and people *are* going to violate their rights. It sometimes happens, unfortunately, that it is necessary to create some suffering in order to prevent or alleviate a far greater suffering. What if the U.S. didn't enter W.W.II? How many more millions would have been killed in concentration camps? What, if the U.S. hadn't killed 10,000 in Hiroshima? How many more *millions* would have been killed under the insanity of fascism? What if the North didn't fight the South? How many millions of people would be enslaved today? All of this violence was clearly justified and clearly good.

These cowering fools now wimper that there will be a backlash. Terrific! It took the bigotry and oppression of Anita Bryant to get us going. She was the best thing that ever happened to gays. A backlash would prove the need for tough anti-discrimination laws and would unite gays further.

Just like the patriots of 1776 fought the Revolutionary War for freedom, our patriots are fighting for our freedom. If our rights aren't worth fighting for, then they aren't worth anything.

Sincerely yours,
David Treece
St. Clair Shores, MI

talking books

Community Voices,

Thanks for the many helpful and encouraging letters on where to get gay reading material for the print disabled. The Massachusetts Association for the Blind (200 Ivy St. Brookline, MA 02146) has the fewest restrictions on what is fit to be recorded. They recorded Grant Tracy Saxon's *The Happy Hustler* for me and provided me with other source information.

Hopefully this fall the Task Force on Gay Liberation, American Library Association (Box 2383, Philadelphia, PA 19103), will have an updated list of recorded gay material and their sources.

My thanks also to Dignity (PO Box 1554, FDR Station, NY, NY 10022) and other groups that provide recorded material to the print disabled. Once again, Thank you.

Sincerely,
Karl Troaster
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continuing education

GCN,

I just returned from the Middle East and have learned how to tell a Greek from a Turk. The Greeks all have "convertibles" (peelers), while the Turks all have "hard tops" (circumcised).

Edward Pope
Rockport, MA

harvey milk

Dear GCN,

In your June 9 issue you twice incorrectly described Jim Foster as a friend of Harvey Milk. Foster did everything he could to keep Harvey from being elected. In Randy Shilts' article, "The Life and Death of Harvey Milk", which appeared in the March 1979 issue of *Christopher Street*, Jim Foster is one of the "Respectable Gay Leaders" named in the article that Harvey, as a radical, spent much of his time fighting.

On the tape recorded will Harvey left, Foster is named as one of the people he did *not* want appointed to his seat.

You quoted Foster as saying, "... Harvey's last wishes [were] that in the event of his murder there be no demonstration ... no violence."

Harvey never asked for "no demonstrations." He loved demonstrations and became a very visible part of them in recent years. He even once walked a picket line to protest a McDonald's opening in San Francisco.

He did, however, request no violence in the event of his murder and, in fact, there was none.

How he would have reacted to the violent destruction of twelve police cars and the trashing of San Francisco City Hall to protest our great criminal justice system's condoning his murder is open to conjecture. He left no words on this subject on his tape.

My brand of conjecture would have him closely agreeing with Bill Kraus, president of the Harvey Milk Gay Democratic Club (formerly the San Francisco Gay Democratic Club) which Harvey helped Chris Perry, a local activist, to found. When Bill was asked if he thought the riot was a setback for the gay community he responded, "Setback? Hell no, in the long run this may be more important than Stonewall."

Leland Tremain
Berkeley, CA

bravo!

Dear Editor:

For the record, the Wednesday, May 23 demonstration to protest the Dan White verdict was co-sponsored by the Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights and the National Gay Task Force.

Very truly yours,
C.F. Brydon
Jean O'Leary
Co-Executive Directors
National Gay Task Force
New York, NY

internecine
oklahoma

Dear GCN Collective;

Anita Thompson and David Price's letter denouncing Oklahoma gay activist John Mehring and endorsing Bill Rogers' and Bruce Voeller's establishment methods is a further illustration of the psychology and politics of closetry and straight-identified ideology. Readers in the Eastern centers of the gay movement may wonder at the significance of hinterlands' infighting. But the clarity of issues dividing NGTF-types and gay activists here demonstrates the irrevocable conflict between upfront struggle for gay pride and social liberation versus the elitist, classist, and racist links to accommodationist homosexuals, who are only queer in the privacy of their bedrooms, but assure us that they are otherwise no different than straights.

Qualified to speak by being involved in gay rights in Oklahoma and closely allied with John Mehring and knowing Bill Rogers and David Price, I see a striking difference between our definitions of closeted and theirs. The GAA-GPU at the University of Oklahoma and our leadership are openly striving creatively for a sense of pride and community among gays, and we have made the public know we exist and have needs.

Oklahomans for Human Rights, by name, is closeted. Its philosophy effaces and denigrates the importance of gay as a special identity. Bill Rogers indicated this at the NGTF dinner, stating that OHR seeks rights "for *all* oppressed groups, such as gays"! Bill Rogers speaks of his quest to find and "groom" an appropriate non-effeminate spokesperson, since he himself is closeted. OHR has never made a press release, i.e., it has never publicly, openly, asserted gay pride or denounced straight oppression and homophobia. Instead, at the "private dinner" there was a round of applause against violence — not police against gays, but as Charles Brydon and the *Advocate* deplore, of gays! — *as if we the victims perpetrate murder with impunity!* David Price and Bill Rogers have been on radio, however, *anonymously*, to cast blame on gays who cruise the parks, not to condemn the police for arresting numerous gays in OHR's home city.

No one knows of OHR's existence outside the bar and upper-middle class party circuit in which they operate. They offer no social services whatever. Myself and other OU (Oklahoma University) gays have counseled and informed numerous gay callers, through university referrals, have spoken before hundreds in gay speakers' panels, and the gays at Oklahoma Straight University ran garage sales to open their new gay rapline serving gays at OSU. Both of us were shunted off and ignored in pleas for support from OHR, which gave Voeller and O'Leary a check for \$3,000 for 'impoverished' New York.

OHR's Thompson and Price speak of Bill Rogers' contribution to "gay pride and social and political progress." Where is it — in hate-filled, straight-filled, Oklahoma City? GAA worked successfully to get *Word Is Out* shown here in December; Bill Rogers chastened the "offensive" language of the film, at an OHR meeting, and opposed it being aired again. OHR brought the defeat of the author of the anti-gay teachers' law, replacing her with a state senator who denies all obligation to gay causes. Because OHR and NGTF-types everywhere have consistently negated making demands on the straight world, but seek accommodation within it, they never get their fantasyland destroyed by homophobic, painful reality. Nor do they, unlike activists, ever get wins that sometimes come just from asking! Their closeted stance, as John Mehring pointed out, is just a reflection of their complacency, establishment-identified smugness, and their complete impotency to act.

No, David and Anita, there are not "minor differences" between us. You all confer on Sunday evenings to assuage your comfortable guilt. We *act*, to assert our gayness and express our outrage at a society that oppresses our faggot-dyke existences. As gays alike, our lives defy the acceptable stereotypes of personal-social behavior that supports the injustice of our society. In that you are unable to see this as our oppression, but conspire to accept your blindness as the price of your straight-world privileges, there lies the tragedy of divisiveness between yourselves and the National Gay Task Force, and us and all gay activists.

Yours in gay struggle,
Steve Keller
Norman, OK

Community Voices

the play & the players

Sisters and Brothers, Comrades and Friends:

In San Francisco gay politics it is hard to tell the players without a program, even if one lives in the San Francisco Bay Area, but it sure would have been nice if someone in Boston had known that Jim Foster, who invoked the name of Harvey Milk to attack the San Francisco City Hall Uprising, and whom *GCN* (Vol. 6, No. 45) identifies as "a friend of Harvey Milk," was one of the four people whom Harvey named as *not* wanting to have appointed to succeed him if he was assassinated. Now, Harvey had many friends who disagreed with him on many things, but it is amazing how the number of his friends has grown since he was killed. (Even David Goodstein has the chutzpah to inform us in a letter in the May issue of *Christopher Street* what a good friend he was of Harvey's.)

Real friends and comrades of Harvey like Supervisor Harry Britt and Professor Sally Gearhard did indeed try to prevent and stop the violence, until they realized that they could not hold back the flood. But they also are smart enough and decent enough to know and say that the gay community has nothing to apologize for. The type of people who in their knee jerk fashion "deplore" what happened in San Francisco 10 years after Stonewall, no doubt also "deplored" Stonewall at the time, though one would think that anyone with half a brain would realize that the two events will go down in history (Herstory) as of equal significance. People who want to accomplish something through electoral politics, should have learned from the black movement that nothing works so well as the threat of a militant, and indeed potentially violent, constituency. Those who deplored the Watts and Newark rebellions, instead of the circumstances that brought them about, have been long forgotten. The same fate is in store for those Respectable Gay Leaders who want to continue to make a career of quiet, behind the scenes lobbying and power brokering — which is, of course, why they scream so loudly, and deplore so much.

The real story of what happened in San Francisco remains to be told. It would be good if it were done in the pages of *GCN*, which is unfortunately the only decent gay newspaper in the U.S. You did as well as could be expected in your original story, but it did not really convey the feel (or all the real facts) of the night of rage at City Hall and the night of love at Harvey's birthday party on Castro. And that Monday and Tuesday night must be seen as a unit. It must be done fast though, or the lies and hysteria of the *Advocate* and the *Sentinel* will be accepted as truth. The best job so far was done in the May 24 issue of the *BAR*, probably because their deadline pressures forced people to write from their guts.

As a Movement street lawyer I witnessed more demonstrations and riots in San Francisco, Berkeley and Oakland during the '60s and early '70s than I can count. But I have never seen the mood of a crowd change so quickly and completely from non-violent anger, to chants of "no more violence," to ambivalence, to a feeling of glory, relief and catharsis.

One thing that needs to be either proved or laid to rest quickly is the talk that the violence was started by straight agents provocateurs. This comes both from some gay leaders and some sympathetic media types (one of these got so carried away during a live TV report that he almost fell out of his closet). From where I was standing on the steps of City Hall it was clear that some people wanted and were ready for violence, but I saw no indication that they were provocateurs in the only real meaning of that word, i.e. police agents or right wingers trying to make the left look bad. And how people who keep telling us "we are everywhere" can suddenly claim to be able to tell by looking whether somebody is straight or gay, I don't understand. Except for one very young drag queen with a great over-hand throwing arm, I certainly could not tell the sexual preferences of the people involved. They were all much too busy to be displaying them. I should add that when I say "people involved" I certainly mean women as well as men.

There is one other point I must make. I was very glad to read that at the Boston demonstration at least one woman spoke against falling into the trap of favoring capital punishment. Not only is this a question of the highest principle, but it had very practical consequences in the Dan White case. Most observers agree that the prosecution lost the case during jury selection. At least one of the reasons for that is because we have the death penalty and because the prosecution asked for the death penalty, although neither they nor anyone with any sense expected or wanted to get it. However, it meant that any prospective jurors who said they were so opposed to the death penalty that they could never vote for it were automatically excluded. This got rid of a lot of people, including all the blacks and one of the two open gays who were questioned, without White's lawyers having to use their peremptory challenges. This process usually results in a law and order pro-prosecution jury in death penalty cases. But, of course, here, where the All-American Boy, ex-paratrooper, ex-cop, ex-fireman was driven crazy by a Jewish queer and a fag-loving wop, all the usual rules of thumb were reversed.

There is another insidious trap that everyone from Mayor Feinstein to usually sensible radical gays have fallen into, and that is to call for the abolition of the "diminished responsibility" defense. What needs to be changed is the judicial system — indeed the whole system. To suddenly forget that most of the people who get into the clutches of the criminal justice system are poor, third world, and oppressed women and men, who indeed at times get driven momentarily crazy by the circumstances of their lives, and to try to deprive them of a necessary and valid defense, because in this case it worked in favor of someone we hate, is irresponsible, immoral, and lousy politics.

Keep on keeping on —

Alex Hoffman
Berkeley, CA

questions and answers

Dear Editor,

It has come to my attention due to a recent personal experience that the same discrimination which we gay people are subject to by the "straight" majority is present within the attitudes of members of our community for each other. Last Saturday evening I visited a lesbian bar/restaurent in Boston with my girlfriend. Three women strangers followed me to the ladies room and proceeded to fire questions at me. One woman asked "Do you need some help?", another asked "Do you need a hand?" and a third woman summed up their inquiries when she asked me "Do you need a man?". I returned to my table upstairs to ponder this situation when the manager, a large, perturbed woman, asked me to show her some identification. Understanding that it was her right to ask if she thought I looked underage, I obliged willingly. It didn't occur to me until later that I had not appeared to be a minor so much as my dress, hairstyle and makeup had led the women in the bar to believe that I was "straight," and therefore unwanted in their space. I understand this feeling as I have been wary of possible heterosexual "spies" myself. We are continuously judged by straights in the outside world and hardly need their judgements invading what little space we can call our own. However, my experience is proof enough that we cannot judge a book by its cover, so to speak.

At first I was outraged by this experience of discrimination, but now as I look back on it I feel only sadness. Sad to know that my more masculine lesbian sisters, those who equate strength with traditionally male qualities and therefore cultivate these qualities in themselves, are unaccepting of my more feminine self-definition, even though we are members of the same oppressed minority and we must count on each other for support. I become sadder still when I see that the very rigid role restrictions of heterosexuality have, in fact, carried over into our supposedly unique relationships and self-images. Gays are not offered an abundance of role models in this heterosexually oriented culture, which leaves us bearing the responsibility of creating new self-images and ways of relating for ourselves. Now, the question remains, do we have the strength and courage to create these new possibilities, or will we settle for "mock-het" relationships with persons of the same sex? No one of us can do what all of us together can. We need to talk to each other. We need to discover what alternatives work for each of us and why, so that gay will work better for all of us. Being gay is a cause which many of us seem to be at the effect of, instead of affecting each other by listening to the original ideas each of us, as pioneers of new alternatives, has.

What I experienced in a lesbian bar Saturday evening was the experience of a straight woman entering into a gay meeting place. Supposing I had been curious about the gay scene and had come there for a firsthand account of what it's all about. Well, had I been insecure when I walked in (which I wasn't, remember this is all hypothetical), well I surely would have left without the slightest intention of coming back. Yes, our straight brothers and sisters are threatened by us. No, I do not accept homophobia as the final solution to their feeling threatened. They do not understand us, though some few are trying, and it is a natural, human trait to fear the unknown. Fear is the instigator of violence, it is the barricade keeping us huddled in exclusive bars on the fringes of society. Ignorance is the enemy. It is ignorance which we must attack, and the way to do that is to educate "straights" by allowing them to experience us as people doing what works for us, not basket-case sickies. If we systematically weed straights out of our gathering spaces, are we not putting an abrupt halt to any enlightenment which might happen where they allowed to stay?

Finally, in reply to the women who interrogated me on Saturday night:

"Do you need some help?" We need each other's help if we are to ever triumph over ignorance.

"Do you need a hand?" No one of us can do what all of us can.

"Do you need a man?" I think the answer is obvious.

Sincerely,

Anne Conway
Boston, MA

same struggle

Dear Community Voices:

Am I the only one who was quite offended by the Gay Pride Rally held on Saturday in Boston? More than 5,000 people took part in the parade — all kinds of gay people from every segment of the community. Yet the rally was dominated by a small clique of radicals. Regardless of one's views concerning the revolt in Soweto, I never heard anybody at a pro-divestment rally urge people to support gay rights because it's "the same struggle." I never heard anyone in the women's movement telling women protesting the recent Roxbury murders and Brighton rapes to also support gay rights because it's "the same struggle." What I did hear at the rally was a lot of anti-male pontifications and outright attacks on some parts of the gay community.

Every year, the Gay Pride Committee urges the entire gay community to participate in the Gay Pride Week activities. But at the same time, the Committee has voted to prohibit gay bars from participating in the Parade. Who are they to say which gay people can participate and which ones cannot? Just in case the Gay Pride Committee has forgotten, there are a lot of people in the community who are just as gay as they are but do not necessarily share the same debatable political views. Does that mean we are to be excluded from the activities so that they may use Gay Pride Week to promote a collection of peripheral issues?

When was the last time a speaker at Seabrook publicly embraced gay rights with the anti-nuke movement?

Martin F. Belmont
Boston, MA

blue shield

To the Editor:

As Director of the Institute for Rational Living, I am concerned that clients receive the best possible type of help here and at other similar places.

Blue Shield, I am sorry to report, has taken undue liberty with the confidential nature of patient records in our office. We have every right not to use the Blue Shield diagnosis number for homosexuality as the list of diagnosis categories considers being gay as being sick. At the IRL we consider gay people as having a lifestyle of their choice and refuse to use the Blue Shield number for homosexuality with our gay clients.

We will be fighting in courts of law many of the injustices that Blue Shield has manifested towards psychologists and their clients. We solicit the support of members of the gay community and offer whatever help we can with those having problems getting fair treatment from Blue Shield.

Sincerely

Martin Grossack, Ph.D.
Blue Shield Customers Alliance
Hull, MA

commemoration

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

This letter is to urge the citizens of San Francisco to consider naming the city's performing Arts Center or some other public structure in memory of Harvey Milk. This act would be in keeping with the naming of our Convention Center for George Moscone. Both men were elected officials serving the city at the time of their murders, both men were loved by many, and both men earned such honor. Naming a primarily gay facility such as a community center for Harvey Milk fails to achieve the public recognition appropriate in this situation.

Sincerely yours,

Michael Barry Kerrigan
San Francisco, CA

pride rally

Dear *GCN*:

I want to add my voice to the growing number of people disappointed with this year's Lesbian and Gay Pride Rally in Boston. While the march was certainly one of the most spirited and celebratory we've had in years, the rally was long, didactic, and showed what has become an increasing trend in our community towards downplaying issues of direct concern to all lesbians and gay men.

As a gay man who has worked with various progressive causes, I understand the vital importance of educating people to understand the common basis of all oppression. However, I feel there is a tendency for gay people to buy into the leftist myth that gay oppression is somehow less important, less of an issue, than the oppression of working-class people, Third World people and women. This causes us to downplay gay issues and focus instead on fighting racism, classism and sexism — all important things to be fighting — but at the 10th anniversary Stonewall Lesbian & Gay Pride March, I want our issues addressed, first and foremost. Yes, build coalitions and address other pressing needs we as people face. But don't leave specifically gay issues until last (March on Washington, suburban gays) or ignore them. Who will address our issues if we don't? We have to fight for weeks to allow lesbians to speak at anti-nuclear demonstrations and most of the progressive press in Massachusetts refuses to even include gay issues in their calendar.

As a gay man, I felt particularly left out of the rally, as I have become increasingly left-out of our movement. I accept the fact that gay men must deal with their sexism and racism, but I am tired of hearing nothing positive about faggots at gay gatherings. Are we so overcome by our guilt as men, that we can give ourselves no positive support and energy? There are gay male performers in Boston — where were they? There are issues that concern faggots — why did they go unaddressed? If we want the Pride activities to include our entire community, we must make certain that our activities don't reflect the same faggot-hating attitudes that we can get from straight society.

As someone who has organized Pride activities before, I am aware of the great amount of work that this year's organizers had to do and the increased burdens of a small treasury. I appreciate their efforts but I am concerned with the direction things seem to be taking.

I did enjoy immensely BLAGMAR's evening of clowns and theatre at the YWCA that evening. I wish the rally could have shared that evening's spirit, politics and all-inclusive sense of community.

Eric Rofes
Boston, MA

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To the Editor:

I was delighted to read the recent interview with Hilda Silverman, the new Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Philadelphia (ACLU). I have worked with Hilda under the auspices of the Pennsylvania Program for Women and Girl Offenders. Specifically, we worked in the city's prisons trying to educate guards and others of the problem of male rape. In addition we attempted to set up support groups for male rape victims.

The former head of ACLU Philadelphia, Spencer Cox, was one of the most supportive individuals in public life on behalf of gay people and their struggle. I feel certain that Ms. Silverman will be equally sensitive and responsive to our needs.

On behalf of Philadelphia's gay community, I want to congratulate her on her new position and urge gay people in other cities to embrace the ACLU and other supportive groups.

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Justice After Five-Year Wait

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him to the Suffolk County Jail until the next day for sentencing. When Hamlin got up to leave, Zaccagnini lunged at her, called her "a scumbag" and shouted, "I'm gonna get you." He was quite quickly restrained by the court officers.

Although Hamlin said she was not personally offended by Zaccagnini's remarks since he was obviously agitated (she had already figured on her sentencing recommendation anyway), she had some reason to fear Zaccagnini's wrath. You see, Brian Harrison received three death threats at his San Francisco home telling him not to come to Boston for the trial "or else." On the day before he left, a man called him to say he was "authorized" to offer him \$3000 not to show up. Harrison declined the offer. And on the day Harrison arrived at the airport in Boston, a man carrying a huge wad of money and a camera started to snap his picture at the terminal. Detective Moran, who had gone to the airport to meet Harrison, immediately arrested the man for intimidating a witness. (It turns out that he had other warrants outstanding on him at Suffolk Superior Court.)

From then on, Harrison was under 24-hour guard by the Suffolk County District Attorney's office. He was flown back to San Francisco before the end of the trial.

The Disposition

On Friday, Burke and Hamlin each made their sentencing recommendations. Burke, in a strange twist for an historically conservative politician, cited the defendant's poor childhood and impoverished family, and argued that he was the product of his environment. (However, he wasn't too impoverished to wear \$300 suits and a gold pocketwatch each day to court, nor too indigent to afford the legal aid of Burke, one of the area's most successful attorneys.) He claimed that Zaccagnini had "straightened himself out," hadn't gotten into trouble for the past five years, and was presently holding a responsible job as a photographer with a New Jersey magazine. He recommended no sentence and two other individuals — a Catholic priest and an art museum director, both longtime friends of the defendant — testified as to Zaccagnini's intelligence, good moral character, and potential for re-

habilitation.

Hamlin then took over. She cited Zaccagnini's long criminal record, and said he had "lived a charmed life" by luckily avoiding jail for each offense. (His last arrest was in April, for pimping a 16-year old woman). She argued that society needs to be protected from people like him, and pointed out that he eluded police for over five years with different names. His foiled assault upon her the previous day, she said, was evidence that he is incorrigible and feels no remorse. She recommended the maximum sentence: 18-20 years for the attempted murder and 8-10 years on the assault charge.

Alberti listened attentively as to each defense witness. He asked for advice and gave no indication as to which direction he was heading. He empathized with persons who were brought up in poverty and as members of minority ethnic groups. He valued the loyalty of Zaccagnini's friends, particularly the priest.

Then the judge zeroed in on the damage inflicted on Brian Harrison. Noting that the bullet almost pierced his heart, he observed, "It's only by the grace of God that Brian Harrison is alive today." He commented on how Harrison was "so badly humiliated" in the course of the trial and how Zaccagnini's victims have so often been "unfortunate people" — young girls, vulnerable gays, the poor. He agreed with Hamlin that this could have been a murder trial.

The Sentence

The clerk then read Alberti's sentence: he had accepted Hamlin's recommendations for the maximum on each charge — 18-20 years on the attempted murder and 8-10 years on the assault with a dangerous weapon, to be served concurrently at Walpole State Prison.

Zaccagnini started to cry. So did his brother. Denise Clark joined in. The defendant hugged and kissed them all, to the extent his handcuffs would allow, and was escorted out of the courtroom. He could be heard shouting from inside, "They know I'm innocent! I'm innocent!"

After the sentencing was over, GCN spoke with the prosecutor, who said that the praise in the case really goes to Detective Tom Moran of District 14 for staying with the case for five years. "He deserves a lot of credit," Hamlin

said. She was asked about the gay aspect of the case. Wasn't it a little difficult because the shooting resulted from a gay "trick" incident? "Absolutely not. This was a shooting case and nothing else. . . . The jury obviously believed Brian."

Harrison was also gratified by the verdict. His parents in Boston urged him not to prosecute the case, for fear of exposure and/or public humiliation. (Never mind that Harrison already had a local reputation as something of a gadfly.) "It was worth it," he said. But Harrison still has intestinal troubles as the result of the shooting and must make regular hospital visits. He knows that he is lucky to have survived at all from what was probably one of the most costly and harrowing sexual encounters most gay men could ever imagine.

Survey

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that they believed the bars "are probably the meeting places which offer the most diverse selection of potential respondents."

As the authors of the study point out, "the sample was essentially composed of a homogeneous group of respondents." Ninety-six percent were white. Only 27% had less than a college degree, and 46% had at least some graduate-level education. They had a median income of ten to fifteen thousand dollars, although respondents' incomes ranged from less than \$3,000 to more than \$50,000. They ranged in age from 18 to 73 years with 29 years as the median age. The largest job categories were clerical workers (13% of the respondents), middle management (13%), kindergarten through high school teachers (10%), and technical workers (9%). Factory workers, the self-employed, military personnel, church employees, lawyers, architects, skilled laborers, medical technicians, doctors, and mental health aides were represented in the survey, but each of these occupational groups accounted for less than three percent of the sample. About a tenth of the respondents were unemployed, and another tenth were employed only part-time, although 62% reported having been unemployed for periods longer than a month in the last two years.

The survey sought to determine how open people were at work: how they believed coming out to their employers, immediate supervisors, and fellow workers would affect their working situations; and how many people had actually been discriminated against because of their homosexuality.

The survey found that people were more likely to come out to their fellow workers than to their supervisors — if they were open at all. Thirty percent had not let anyone at work know. Seventy percent had let some or most of their co-workers know they were gay, while only 30% chose to come out to their immediate supervisors. More than half indicated they would "feel uncomfortable letting their employers know that they lived with a lover of the same sex, went to the bars or lesbian/gay social activities, or did lesbian/gay political work; about 40% would feel uncomfortable if this was known to their co-workers.

Almost 20% said their employers (as opposed to their immediate supervisors) knew they were gay, and another 25% thought it would make no difference if their employers did know. Almost a third, however, feared they would be passed over for a promotion or a raise, or even lose their jobs, if their employers discovered their homosexuality.

According to the report, there was no significant correlation between one's educational background, income, or occupation and the degree of openness at the job. Those with lower incomes tended to be somewhat more open, and those with some college or graduate school tended to be more open than those with either less or more institutional education, but the authors of the report conclude that such factors do "not appear to be significant determinants of actual or perceived discrimination."

Lesbians tended to be less open than gay men on the job, and to perceive a greater threat of discrimination. Only 20% of the lesbians surveyed, for instance, thought nothing would happen if their employers discovered their lesbianism, while 27% of the men felt that way. The report says there was no significant difference in actual discrimination, however, between the two groups, and reports on seven in-depth interviews conducted with people who had been discriminated against. Five percent had actually been fired from a position because of their homosexuality, and almost half of these had been "dis-

covered," not themselves letting their employers know they were gay. Another three percent had been refused a position because the potential employer knew they were gay, though two-thirds of these had concealed the fact during the employment interview. Almost a quarter believed that their employer's discovery of their sexual orientation had at some point in their careers negatively influenced their getting a promotion or raise, or threatened their continued employment at the job.

The authors of the report suggest that "the small percentage of the sample that had experienced actual discrimination was directly related to the low percentage of the sample who had made their lesbian/gay status known to their employer."

The schools, the military, and churches were seen as the most discriminatory employers by two-thirds or more of the respondents, and art, along with architecture, library work and restaurant, bar, and hotel employment were seen as the least dangerous. Significantly, 21% indicated that they had "been interested in pursuing a career but did not do so for fear of discrimination."

The report closes by suggesting areas for further research on the factors influencing workers' decisions to come out at work, discrimination, and the psychological strain of not being open.

The Homophile Community Health Service plans to publish the report in the fall, and anyone wishing to receive notification of its publication should write HCHS, Suite 855, 80 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116.

NGTF Names Co-Director

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was active in both the civil rights and anti-war movements of the 1960s. She is the founder and organizer of the University of New Mexico's Women's Center, Women's Studies Program and gay student union, as well as the Albuquerque Women's Center and the Albuquerque/Santa Fe Chapter of the National Lesbian Feminist Organization. In addition, she serves as an administrator of a non-profit organization working on the educational needs of Native American children.

Valeska will officially assume her duties on July 9.

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Judge Rules

BOSTON, MA — A preliminary injunction was issued on June 14 in Suffolk Superior Court enjoining the Boston Police Department from enforcing a 1979 city ordinance banning all types of entertainment between 2:00 and 6:00 a.m. Judge Samuel Adams issued the order as a result of a case brought by the Loft 21, a Back Bay gay juice bar, and La-Salle Cinema, Inc., owner of the State and Pilgrim theaters on Washington Street.

The 1979 ordinance was intended to ban the operation of all-night nuisance clubs. However,

the ordinance, sponsored by City Councillor Christopher A. Iannello, is so broad in scope that even background music (such as that in the gay baths, Chinatown restaurants, hospital waiting rooms, and diners that open at dawn) could be considered violative of it (see GCN, Vol. 6, No. 45).

In issuing the injunction, Adams said that such a sweeping ban is contrary to the constitutional guarantee of freedom of expression. His order will now stand until the constitutional issues are resolved, probably in the state Supreme-Judicial Court.

British Gays Stopped

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Hill had the right to be admitted to this country.

As of June 20, however, it seemed unlikely that such a far-reaching decision would come down in Hill's case. After the INS District Director refused to suspend the June 18 examination, except on the condition that Hill admit that he should be excluded, GRA lawyers filed suit in federal court. Judge Stanley A. Weigel, widely regarded as one of the more conservative judges in the Northern District of California, declared on June 19 that he would issue a temporary restraining order preventing the mental exam-

ination unless the INS voluntarily agreed to suspend it.

Only hours after Weigel's declaration, the INS unexpectedly rescheduled the examination for June 27, the day on which Hill's visa was to expire. Weigel then dismissed the suit on the technicality that the basis for it, the proposed examination of Hill on June 20, was no longer in dispute. As a result, Hill can stay in America until June 27, as he had planned.

There would be many obstacles to a court challenge of the laws which exclude gay people automatically. There would have to be

Boston Celebrates

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think there were probably too many speakers, but I also think the speakers were better this year. Overall, I think it went very well."

Speakers included Beverly Smith and Ellie Johnson of the Combahee River Collective, a black lesbian feminist group based in Boston. Smith spoke to the crowd about her reluctance to speak when first asked, in that it was the first time she had spoken openly as a lesbian to so many people. She addressed the issue of the fear which women, and black women in particular, have begun to feel as a result of the murders of eleven black women in Boston in recent months.

Other speakers were Bob Collins, representing Boston Lesbians and Gay Men Against the Right

(BLAGMAR) and the Lesbian and Gay Pride Week Committee, George Smith and Robin White of Boston's Committee for Gay Youth, and Gail Bradley, who represented Parents of Gays and expressed her pride in being the mother of a lesbian and later brought her daughter up on stage with her, which brought cheers from the crowd.

Tia Cross, an independent speaker, expressed her feeling that racism, rampant in society, is "a white problem." She was followed by Armondo Gaitan of the October 14 Coalition, who urged people to participate in the National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights scheduled for Oct. 14, 1979, and by David Newton and Pat

Gozemba of the North Shore Gay Alliance.

Entertainment was provided by Jonie Schwartz, Medusa Music, the New Women's Chorus, and Maxine Feldman. A women's percussion ensemble also performed at the rally, having moved along the line of the march, setting themselves up to play music at different points along the way. They played as marchers moved past the State House, accompanied by several women carrying signs which said, "We are nice Jewish girls."

The entire rally was broadcast over the radio station of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), WMBR-FM, with additional coverage provided by WBCN-FM.


a resident of another country who would be willing to stay in the U.S. until all appeals were exhausted, yet who by doing so, would bear the risk of an adverse decision at an unpredictable time. Such a decision would be that s/he would have to leave the U.S. and would not be permitted to re-enter the country for at least a year, if ever.

If such a person were found, the chances of a favorable decision in the courts are not good. In 1966, the U.S. Supreme Court decided, in *Boutilier v. INS*, that the words

"psychopathic personality" in the law were intended by Congress to include homosexuality. Following the *Boutilier* decision, Congress amended the law, adding the words "sexual deviation" as another reason for exclusion. It would probably be necessary to have a court very strongly in favor of gay rights overrule *Boutilier*, but the current court would have to deal with a more general doctrine spelled out in *Boutilier* and in other cases: that exclusion should be based only on what Congress had enacted, without re-

ference to the "higher law" of the Constitution. This would mean, for example, that the "equal protection" clause of the Constitution could not be used to argue that the law was applied unevenly (for example, against Hill but not against Mason.)

The quickest way to change the current (U.S. Code, Title 8, Section 1182 (a) (4)) would be to have Congress amend it. Congressperson Burton (D-CA) has indicated a willingness to introduce such legislation, but as yet has not done so.



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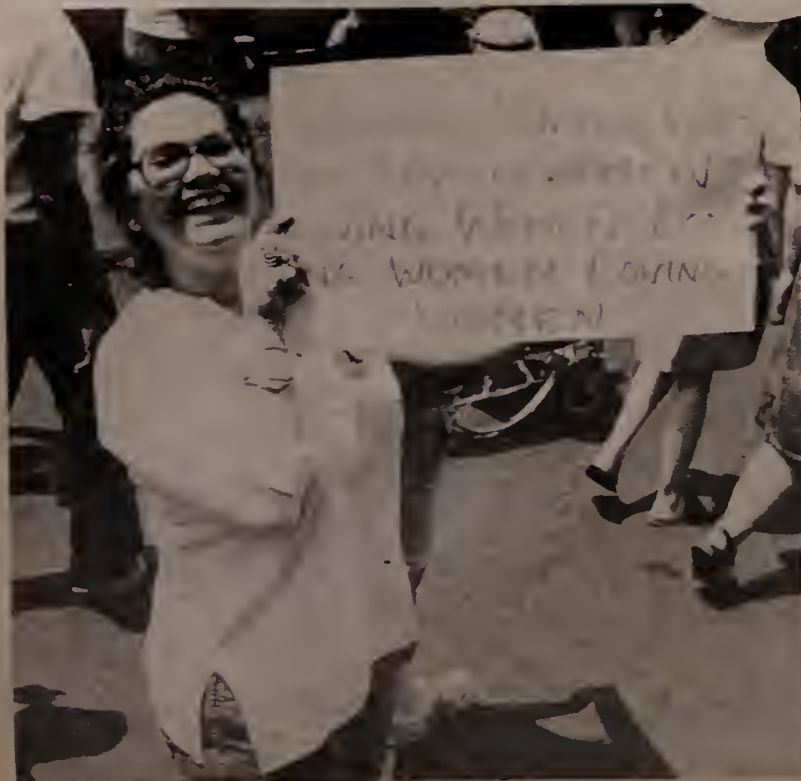
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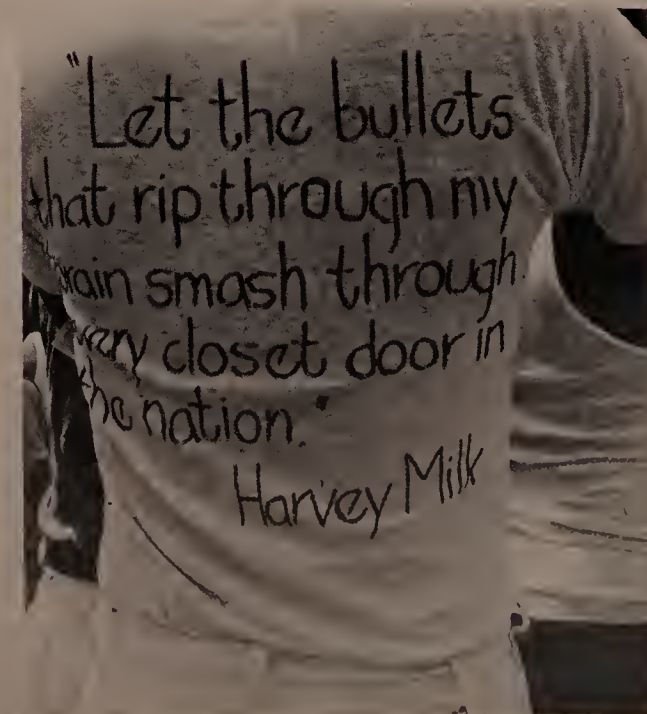
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By Doug Andrews

I really didn't want to go. If I went, even just to stand on the sidewalk and watch, everyone would KNOW. True, I had done other things with gay people — I was a member of Gay Youth and went to Firehouse (Gay Activist Alliance headquarters and community center) dances almost every week — but none of those things seemed very public, after all. And in those other situations, I was able to rationalize that if I *did* meet someone I knew at one of these events, or while I was wandering around the Village with gay friends, he or she would probably be gay also. But the Christopher Street Liberation Day March, and the rally afterwards . . . That was a little more than this high school senior from Long Island was ready for.

Up to that June day in 1973, I had led a fairly schizophrenic existence. During the week I attended high school in a middle class Long Island community about 50 miles from New York City. I was active in all the appropriate causes and groups, and though I was not really what I could have called "popular," I did have a circle of friends. I was also quite active in the local Jewish youth group, having risen that year to the presidency of the chapter. I did very well in school without trying very hard, and was overall what some would consider a "model child." I fought with my parents, as most good teenagers will, but basically they indulged me and showered me with love.

However, almost every Saturday, I would pick up my friend Mike, (he was the one who first "seduced" me and encouraged my gayness) and we would take the Long Island Railroad to the city and our "other" life.

I remember breathing a sigh of relief as we would sit, excursion tickets in hand, waiting for the train to bring us closer to the gay world. Finally, for the day at least, our masks could be dropped, our inhibitions shed, and we could enjoy ourselves in our proper society. Our itinerary rarely varied; first we would head over to the Firehouse for the Gay Youth meeting, which ran from 2:00 until 4:00 or 5:00 in the afternoon. Afterward, we and some of the other guys would wander around the Village and Christopher Street, and grab an inexpensive supper. If the weather was nice, we'd head over to the Morton Street pier, where, usually, you can run into anyone

Marching into the Movement

and everyone, especially on a sunny weekend afternoon. And then, around 8:00, we'd head back to the Firehouse, where, if we helped set up, we could get into the dance for free.

Ah, those dances! I lived for those Firehouse Saturday nights, dancing and talking with other gay people until the morning. It wasn't called 'disco' yet, but the music and lighting were just fantastic. The rock rhythms could keep me on the floor for hours. And the sexual tension in the air was like electricity, charging and recharging in the longing glance of a young man's eyes. Our sweet innocence was spent on those Firehouse Saturday nights.

And then, the aftermath . . . standing in Penn Station early on Sunday morning, waiting for the next train back to our everyday straight existence. The train ticket expired at 4 a.m., so we had to be sure to make that train. There were many times I would have gladly burned that ticket, if I could only have stayed a little longer.

When my friends in Gay Youth started making plans to march in the Gay Pride march that June, I was less than enthusiastic. My halfway existence, schizoid as it was, was comfortable and familiar. Walking in the street with thousands of other gay people, why, that would be tanta-

mount to COMING OUT! I figured I would be in every news-cast, and my picture would be plastered on page one of the *Times*. I could see it now . . . "Long Island Youth Spotted In Gay Parade." EVERYONE WOULD KNOW! Of course, not only did I assume that I would be the center of the media's attentions, but I thought coming out would be about the most awful thing I could do. It was enough for me to have one or two days a week to be myself. Gay pride seemed out of the question.

Mike and some of the others in Gay Youth convinced me that even if I didn't want to march, I should at least come into the city to watch from the sidelines. On

the sidewalk, no one would be able to make any assumptions about me, and I would not be of much interest to the media. So, I relented and agreed that I *could* do that much. The plan was this: I would take the train to Manhattan, and take up a position outside Madison Square Garden on Seventh Avenue (the march was scheduled to go downtown along Seventh Avenue to the rally in Washington Square Park). Then, I MIGHT go down to the Village and happen by Washington Square to see how the rally was going. Plenty of escape routes were built into this totally non-committal plan of mine.

June 24, 1973 was a warm, hazy-to-sunny day. There I sat on the LIRR, waiting to see my first Gay Pride march pass. But what I saw when I stepped out of Penn Station was a sight I was totally unprepared for. The march had already reached the Garden and beyond. All I could see in either direction on Seventh Avenue were masses of proud gay people, walking and having a great time! I already knew that the marches attracted a crowd of thousands, but just how many people that is didn't become clear until I stood there and saw it for myself. I couldn't believe it! Here were literally thousands of us, who society condemned, who had no freedom and no rights, and we were marching proudly in the light of day for all to see! What a shock for me; all my past experiences with gayness had been in the haven of hippiedom, Greenwich Village, and in Soho, a decrepit part of town that was just being "discovered." There we were, in the middle of one of the largest middle-class shopping districts in the city, freaking out the straight tourists and having a ball!

In the face of all this, how could I resist? When the Gay Youth ~~the Euro-American~~ *stepped off* with who might see me! I was still nervous, but I did it anyway. And it felt great! It was the most liberated thing I had ever done, and I loved it! I put my arms around my friends, and joined in all the chants . . . Say it loud . . . GAY AND PROUD!!

This year's march commemorates ten years of the contemporary gay movement. Departing from Christopher Street and Sheridan Square at 12 noon Sunday June 24, the march will culminate in what should be the largest, proudest rally to date in Central Park's Sheep Meadow. And you'd better believe I'll be there!

Booksellers Form Gay Caucus

By Gordon Montador

While gay liberation still seems to strike most publishers as a bit unsavory, there's no doubt that they've comfortably accepted the notion of a gay market. More than 40 new titles of significant interest to lesbians and gay men were featured in the trade fair at the annual convention of the American Booksellers Association (ABA) in Los Angeles on May 26-29, 1979.

The books range from illustrated masturbation handbooks for women and men to biographies of Auden and Maugham. Many of the titles are scheduled to be among their publishers' major releases, which means lots of advertising, big paperback sales, and plenty of earnest and obfuscating talk like "This isn't just a gay book, *everybody's* gonna read it."

While some publishers, notably St. Martin's Press and Avon, have tried fairly aggressively (and with mixed success) to reach gays, and fewer catalogues mutter evasively about a novel's discussion of "alternate lifestyles," some firms obviously consider gay identification to be the kiss of death. Holt Rinehart, publisher of Joseph Hansen's gay detective novels, neglects to mention homosexuality at all in their catalogue blurb for the fifth novel in the series.

The logic behind such denials is that librarians in the Midwest (will it play in Peoria?) won't buy anything openly gay. That logic begins to look a little superficial, when Celestial Arts is publishing a hard-cover edition of psychologist Don Clark's *Loving Someone Gay*

at the request of librarians all across the country — the paperbacks kept giving out.

This year, for the first time, an attempt was made to organize lesbians and gay men attending the convention. Approximately 85 men and women attended the first meeting of the ABA Lesbian/Gay Caucus. Despite a rather anarchic tone (nobody knew anybody else, and the politics ranged from left to right to unreasoned) a steering committee and the means for further organization were established.

The first action of the caucus was a protest against the forthcoming publication (advertised at the Nelson Bible booth) of a religious tract entitled *Gay is Not Good*. Lesbian comic Robin Tyler, acting as spokesperson for the group, led a small protest at the Nelson booth. She then successfully infiltrated the press room at the end of a crowded press reception for gay writer James Baldwin. Holding up the catalogue copy for the offending book, Tyler announced the formation of the caucus, serving notice that the publication of anti-gay propaganda will not go unchallenged any longer.

A panel discussion about the topic of "Expanding the Market for Gay Books" featured John Rechy, publisher Billie Young of Ashley Books, and several booksellers. It was moderated by writer Daniel Curzon. Rechy's powerful statements against the impulse to sanitize gay literature for straight audiences won lengthy applause from the 130 people present.

Booksellers commented on the schizophrenia of companies who publish gay-related books but refuse to promote them properly in gay markets.

Dan Curzon's melodramatic closing remarks about the plight of gay authors unfortunately allowed the ensuing discussion period to disintegrate into a bitch session among the unpublished writers present, and the room cleared quickly.

The ABA Lesbian/Gay Caucus will have a booth at the 1980 convention in Chicago, and is planning to spearhead a drive for the addition of a general non-discrimination clause (including sexual and affectional preference) to be added to the ABA charter. No such clause exists at this time (one reason why the ABA can have their convention in an anti-ERA state), but the caucus expects significant support from feminist and progressive booksellers.

Membership is open to anyone involved in publishing or book-selling. The organizers hope to develop the resources of the caucus to help general bookstores deal intelligently with the hundreds of lesbians and gay-related titles now available. They want to encourage publishers to take a more consultative approach to the design and marketing (and of course, content) of the titles they want gays to buy.

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Sevario

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By Marty Kingsbury

Sevario, developed by the Galaxy Theatre, was inspired by "Sevario El Cruel" by Argentinian playwright Roberto Arlt. It is a play within a play, the story of Sevario (Arty Krause), a simple man who assumes power in order to win favor of the group. In the end, the simple man becomes the dictator, and the group assassinates him.

Sevario takes place in a mental hospital. The inmates repeat that their play is only a game. Every night the inmates resurrect the play. Every night a new character of Sevario is created. The desire for power is very real for each of them. The "Church" (Michael Fitzgerald) needs its power of relegating sin. The "Lover" (Joanna Hefferen) needs her power of security. And every night the "Emcee" (Kevin Michael Feely) takes his power to lead them all into the game once more.

A feeling of claustrophobia presided over me while I watched the

production of *Sevario*. This was partly because the play was cast according to stereotypical gender: Colonel Sevario was a man, the Church was a man, the Doctor was a man, the Lover and the Idiot were both women. When Colonel Sevario recognizes the Lover from many years ago, he immediately rapes her and kills her, because power tastes better than love. I felt trapped and frustrated watching this because, in many ways, this portrayal of power is accurate. Power that makes people hungry for more power can only be stopped with assassination. Yet even with the alternative of murder, there is an endless supply of dictators following right behind. Witness South America, which is notorious for these successions of dictatorial regimes.

But what would happen if this same play were done with a man taking the role of Lover or a woman taking the role of the Church? Would Colonel Sevario's choices be different if it were a homosexual relationship? Could the Church really be a place of sanction and healing? Or, more importantly, could any of the characters stop the Emcee from

casting them into the game again and again?

Within the traditional structure used by the Galaxy Theatre, *Sevario* makes some excellent statements concerning power. For example, a Salesman (Thomas Wolkin) comes to Colonel Sevario to sell his weapons. The machines are both frightening and magnificent. They have the mystery of dreams and the power of ritual; they are exquisite silver domes and their power rises from the center of the earth. The salesman's speech is so moving that when Colonel Sevario buys the weapons he says to the group: "You have created me. Now you shall know the aristocratic pleasures of terror."

Gabriel Garcia, the director of the Galaxy Theatre, works intricately with ritual, believing it to be the essence of theatre. Through repetition, visual and vocal imagery, ritual dramatizes the primitive aspects of people which our civilization is desperately trying to erase. Our savage needs of love, power and spirituality are exposed by the Galaxy Theatre's production of *Sevario*, and though it is not always pretty, it is a haunting and questioning production.



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Challenging the Family

By Denise Steele

The Lesbian and Gay Parents Project (LGPP) in Boston is a collective of twelve lesbians and gay men. We have been working together for one year around the issues of child custody for lesbian and gay parents. We are beginning our second year of existence and wish to have new members join our struggle.

The LGPP exists as a resource, education, and referral center for lesbian mothers and gay fathers struggling with custody, visitation and related issues. The project recognizes that lesbians and gay parents are under attack because they have rejected their roles in the "American" family. The "American" family is two parent, white, middle-class, and heterosexual. The "America" family is the basic economic and socializing unit of patriarchal capitalism. By living outside this unit lesbian and gay parents present a potentially radical alternative. As such they pose a threat to the capitalist state.

The struggle of lesbian and gay parents is intricately connected to the fight of all parents living outside the "American" family. Sterilization abuse in Third World communities is rampant, as is the legal kidnapping of children whose parents are on welfare. People sentenced to prison often have their parental rights revoked, and divorce courts regularly deny custody or visitation to parents with disfavored political views.

Two legal standards are generally applied in child custody cases. These are "the best interest of the child" and "the unfitness of the parent." These standards are both vague and necessarily subjective, and so can be used against any parent who lives outside the judge's idea of the norm — any parent who is poor, Third World, politically active and/or lesbian or gay. The struggle for lesbian and gay parents is a fight against the right of judges to make such subjective and politically dangerous determinations. It is a fight for the rights of all parents living outside the "American" family.

The LGPP was initiated by the anti-sexism committee of the National Lawyers Guild, and was patterned after the Lesbian Mothers Custody Project in New York. The LGPP began in June of last year with the gathering and training of lesbians and gay men from

the Boston community. Throughout last summer 20 individuals from the community met twice a week with attorneys who volunteered their time to explain the laws concerning Divorce, Custody and Visitation, Out of Court Strategies, In Court Tactics, Woman Abuse, How To Choose a Lawyer, Extra-Legal Self-Help, and other related issues. From the twenty trainees came the twelve people who have been the collective for the past year.

The collective initially directed its energy to fund raising and finding a space. Fund raising began with a very successful benefit held at Somewhere last September, and culminated in our securing a grant from the Haymarket Fund.

We were not quite as successful in finding a space which would meet our needs and accommodate our projected activities. After much looking we set up an office in the basement of 21 Bay Street in Cambridge. Because of the size and condition of the space we decided we could not be a drop-in center and when necessary we have met with people at other locations. We now have an answering machine which people can call at all hours to leave a message. The phone number is 492-2655.

Our space limitations have prevented us from serving some of the functions we originally wanted to. We have not been able to allow drop-ins, or sponsor support groups for parents and children. Most of our energy has been directed to responding to phone calls asking for legal advice and referrals concerning custody cases. In addition we have given workshops which explore the issues of child custody for lesbians and gay parents. We have also sponsored several showings of the film "In the Best Interests of the Children." The collective owns a copy of this film and will show it to interested groups.

The collective recently celebrated its one year birthday by going on a weekend retreat. During the retreat we evaluated our first year's progress, process, and work. We also established directions and goals for the second year.

We feel that we have successfully established a resource and referral center and will continue to staff the center and serve that function. In addition we hope to

spend a good part of our energy in the second year doing community work. We plan to sponsor support groups for lesbians and gay parents; for children of lesbians and gay men; and for children and their lesbian and gay parents. We will be doing outreach to the gay and straight communities by contacting schools, community centers, and family service centers. We will be doing public speaking presentations as well as written articles on issues related to lesbian and gay parents.

Our immediate goal for this summer is to locate and train new members. As the group is presently white and middle class, we are hoping to draw in lesbians and gay men from other sectors of the community. We are also greatly interested in bringing in parents. We recognize that it is often difficult, because of money and time, for parents to make group commitments. We are committed to finding ways for interested parents to be part of the collective. We urge all lesbians and gay men who are interested in joining the project or in finding out more about us to call 492-2655.

The first meeting for interested people will be July 10, 7:30 p.m. at Clear's place. The summer training will consist of three Saturday sessions — July 28, Aug. 4, Aug. 11 — from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Sessions will include written and lecture presentations, role-playing and discussions, all centered on Custody Law, Divorce, Visitation, Case Strategy, and other related issues. These sessions will be prepared and presented by collective members. The final session will include a discussion with a panel of lawyers who are familiar with child custody cases. Child care will be provided.

This past year has been a very intense one for our collective. Besides staffing the center and doing outreach we have put considerable time into developing group process. We hope to continue this process while at the same time dealing with the changes that new members will bring. Although we have tried to function collectively as a group of twelve and all have equal responsibility and share all jobs, we realize that this will probably change with the advent of new members. Because we are encouraging parent, poor, and Third World participation in the collective, we are open to new ideas of membership.

Odyssey of a Unicorn

By Nancy Walker

Ten years ago something mighty was struggling to be born, something destined to have an ever-increasing impact on society as we knew it. Those of you who were old enough to think about such things before that time, could you have imagined thousands upon thousands of proud men and women, calling themselves "gay," not homosexual or "perverted," marching in most of the major cities of this country?

It seems superfluous for me to add my two cents' worth to the heap of tenth anniversary articles already printed, or yet to be printed, but a few words on the subject would certainly be timely, if redundant.

It does seem to me that I have lived in two completely separate and distinct periods — one Before Stonewall (B.S.), and the other After Stonewall (A.S.). There can be no doubt in the mind of anyone having lived in both eras that there is a profound and important difference between them. B.S., "homosexuality" was not your everyday household word. Both the term and the concept were swept under the rug. The public largely ignored the issue; the media seldom, if ever, mentioned it; and those "afflicted" with the "disease" had a hell of a time finding it listed in any library card catalogue. Books were not available in bookstores either, and when a book dealing with homosexuality could be found, it turned up in the abnormal psychology section, authored by a "scientist" writing with the tone of Moses handing down the Tablets of the Law. In short, anything one was likely to find, B.S. (the farther back, the more horrifying), was negative enough to keep you in the closet and make you want to install the bed, refrigerator and stove along with you.

Of course, even B.S., a fair number of us *knew*, with the absolute certainty of taxes, that "homosexuality" was not what it was claimed to be. Otherwise, there would never have been a Stonewall. There had to have been enough gay men and women with an awareness of self-worth, and a sense of righteous indignation to finally decide to fight back, to strike that first of many blows in the battle for dignity and freedom in which we are all, however differently and to whatever degree, presently involved.

It is now A.S., 10. What progress have we made? First and foremost, because I am dedicated to the dissemination of information and free access to a multiplicity of choices, I want to point

with love and pride to the *Gay Community News* which is perched on the brink of its 7th year of continuous publication. B.S., the mere idea of a "gay" weekly newspaper was unthinkable. Who would write it? Who would publish it? Who would be bold enough to read it? Well, here we are. *GCN* is not big or rich or powerful. It has all the virtues and advantages of poverty and volunteerism. It attempts to be fair to *all* gays — men and women, young and old of all sizes, shapes, colors, and persuasions. Understandably, we fall short of the mark, but we will not give up trying to reach our goals.

Where many other papers have blossomed and quickly faded, we have persevered. What accounts for our longevity is perhaps the unique quality of the Boston area that attracts special people from all over, who stop a while with us, give of their skills, their time, their energy and their love, and then move on. We are blessed with a miraculously unending flow of humanity that keeps the paper ever-vibrant, ever-changing, ever-alive. I do not wish in any way to praise myself when I place *GCN* first on a list of gay liberation accomplishments. I am proud to be here, proud to have worked in my small way with so many admirable people, proud to be a part of an endeavor in which I truly believe.

The entire field of gay communications has flourished, A.S. I cannot begin to name the books and periodicals available now, where once there was nothing. Gay materials, fiction and non-fiction, are readily found in many libraries and bookstores. Gay studies courses are taught in many colleges.

There are countless campus gay groups. There are gay religious organizations. Both the Church and the State in many cases are reviewing their attitudes towards gays. We have had openly gay people run for and get elected to public office (Elaine Noble spent several terms in the Massachusetts State Legislature). The National Gay Task Force has become a genuine presence on the political scene, and sponsors lobbyists in Washington. The straight media cover us regularly.

Some air, at least, is seeping into the closet. We make the headlines; we are featured in TV sit coms; we star on talk shows. "Gay" is certainly no longer "the love that dare not speak its name." And last, but not least, the old label, "sick", which, B.S., gave such comfort and solace to the mini-egoed bigots who hate us, and caused such agony to many

gays, was dropped in 1973 from the American Psychiatric Association's list of mental illnesses.

Surely this is progress. Yes, progress . . . I am as mindful of these advances in the cause of justice for gays as the blacks must have been aware in the 1950's of how far they had come since the Civil War. They were no longer slaves, but they still had to sit in the back of the bus. I do not mean to minimize the strides we have made toward our rightful place in the sun. But, friends, we are still sitting in the back of the goddamn bus. We, in our millions, with all our human and economic potential, with all our personal griefs and joys and loves, remain second class citizens in a country to which we give as much in taxes and service as our straight counterparts.

So, you want to know my message??? Here it is: **FIGHT!** Fight in the way that best suits you as an individual. March, if that's your style. Write, if slinging words makes sense to you. Tell your friends, family, co-workers who you really are. Don't sit still for fag jokes. If you can't come out of your own closet yet, give financial aid to groups who can fight for you. Keep the edge of anger honed, and be goaded by it to positive action. We have come a distance along the road to freedom but we have "miles to go before we sleep."

When legislators, like those in Massachusetts, defeat a gay rights bill, in part because they say we want our lifestyle to be considered as legitimate an alternative as theirs, I get mad. I get very seethingly angry. We should stand up and shout "OF COURSE WE WANT TO BE CONSIDERED COMPLETELY VALID." We should never deny that. We should never try to sneak legislation through under the guise of the majority's kindness or charity, or as a concession to an oppressed and somehow *defective* minority. We are neither mental nor moral lepers. The whole point is precisely that our choice of love partners is legitimate in every way.

We do indeed want, expect and deserve that our lifestyle be accepted equally with heterosexuality. If the rest of the world doesn't like us, that's their problem. It is our job to win our rights openly and honestly. Gay, damn it, is *good*. Let's fight as long as it takes to become first class citizens, and while we're at it, try to improve the quality of life for everyone.

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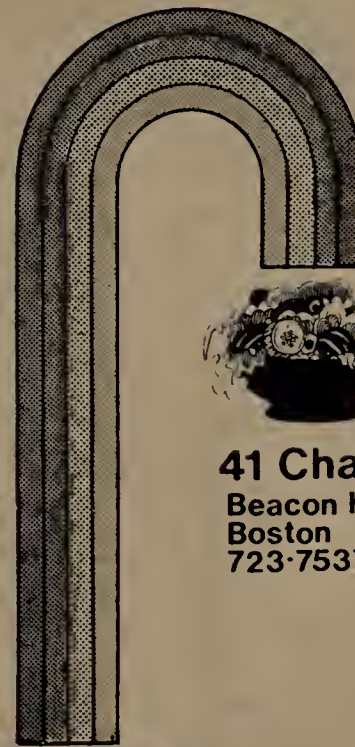
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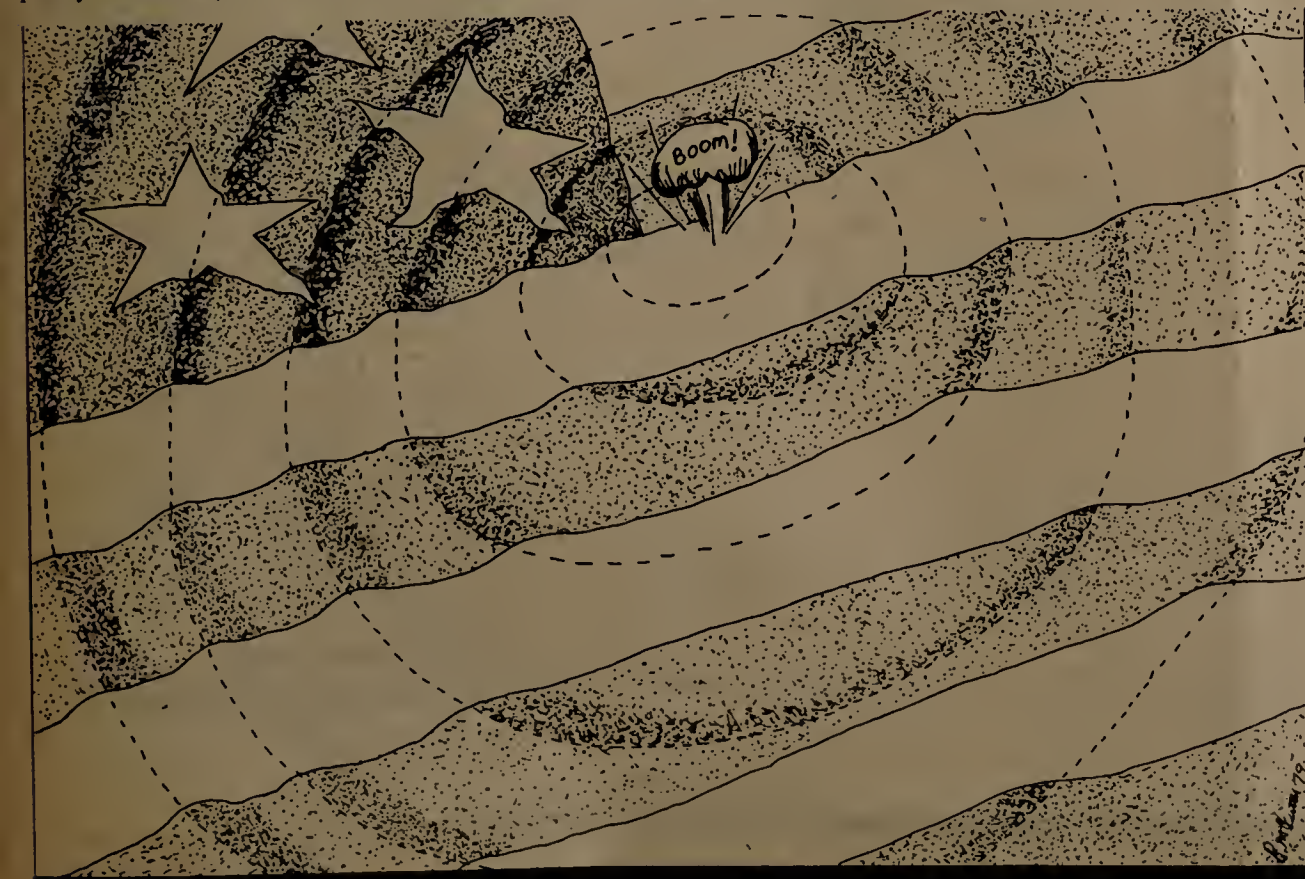
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Gay People in Medicine, 23 Dover St., Worcester 756-9385
Lesbian Support Group, Mercy Otis Warren Women's Center, 298 Main St., Hyannis 02601 771-6739
Martha's Vineyard Gay Group 627-8097
Montachusett Gay Alliance, P.O. Box 262, Fitchburg 01420 537-5780

New Bedford Women's Clinic 999-1570
North Shore Gay Alliance Box 806, Marblehead 927-2605
Origins, Inc., A Women's Center 169 Boston St., Salem 01970 745-5873
Provincetown 24-Hour Drop-In Center 487-0387
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Brown Univ. Gay Students Assn., 305 Faunce House, Waterman Ave., Providence 02912 Office hours: Noon-1pm weekdays 863-3062
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Gay Help Line 751-3322
Gay Community Services of R.I., 44 Washington St., Providence 02903 751-3322

Gay Women of Brown, c/o Sarah Doyle, Women's Center, 186 Meeting St., Providence, 02912 863-2189
Lesbian Feminist Union, Sarah Doyle Center Box 1829 Brown St., Providence 02912 863-2189
MCC/Providence, 134 Matthewson St. 272-9247
MCC Innovative Ministry (terminally ill, aged and handicapped), Rev. Michael Nordstrom 272-8482
Providence Gay Group of AA 333-1396

NEW HAMPSHIRE (Area Code 603)

Central N.H. Men's Support Group 31 Union St., Concord 03301 224-7027
Dartmouth Gay Students' Assoc. Hinman Box 5057, Hanover 03755
Full Circle, monthly feminist news journal, P.O. Box 235, Contoocook, NH 03229
Nashua Area Gays, P.O. Box 3472, Nashua 03061 Dave 883-4337
Lesbian Feminist Collective, Box 47, Penacook 876-5310

NH Lambda, Box 1043, Concord 03301 Concord 224-3785; E. Rochester 332-4440; Keene 399-4927; Nashua 889-1416.

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Gay Hotline, U of VT 656-4173
Gay Student Union, U of VT, Burlington 05401, M-F, 7-9pm 656-4173
Southern Vermont Women's Health Center, 187 N. Main St., Rutland, 05701 775-1946
Southern Vermont Lesbians/Gay Men's Coalition, 21 Elliot St., Brattleboro 254-8176
Women's Center, P.O. Box 92 Burlington 05401 863-1236

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Dignity/Fairfield County, P.O. Box 348, Belden Sta. Norwalk, 06850
Dignity/Hartford, P.O. Box 72, Hartford 06141 233-8325
Dignity/New Haven, P.O. Box 3712, Amity Sta., New Haven 06525 436-8945
Eros, Gay Students at Trinity College c/o Chaplain's Office, Hartford 06106 527-3151

Gay Alcoholics Anonymous, Information (Danbury, Hartford, New Haven, Waterbury, Westport, etc.) 775-6015
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous, Hartford 522-2646
Gay Alcoholics Anonymous, New Haven (evenings) 777-8979
Gay Alliance, East. Conn., 37 Otobando Ave., Norwich 06360 889-7530
Gay Alliance, New Haven (= Gay Alliance at Yale), P.O. Box 2031, Yale Sta., New Haven 06520 436-8945

Gay Alliance, UConn, Box U-8, Storrs 06268 486-2273
Gay Alliance, Wesleyan, c/o Women's Center, Box WW, Wesleyan Sta., Middletown 06457 347-9411
Gay and Lesbian Alliance, So. Conn. St. College, 386 Sherman Ave., New Haven 06511 865-2802
Gay Community, Conn. College P.O. Box 1295, New London 06320

Gay Switchboard, Hartford, M-F 11-2 pm, 6-11 pm, P.O. Box 514, Hartford 06101 522-5575
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Integrity/Hartford, P.O. Box 3681, Central Sta., Hartford 06103 522-2646
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Lesbian Rap, New Haven, 148 Orange St., New Haven 06510 436-0645
Lesbians, Wesleyan, c/o Women's Center, Box WW, Wesleyan Sta., Middletown 06457 347-9411
MCC/Hartford, P.O. Box 514, Hartford 06101 232-5110
MCC/New Haven, P.O. Box 1273, New Haven 06505 436-8945

So. Conn. Org. for Human Rights, P.O. Box 3792, New Haven 06525 562-1007
Women's Center, Hartford, 57 Pratt St., Rm 301, Hartford 06103 525-2382
Women's Center, Manchester Community College, P.O. Box 1046, Manchester 06040 646-4900
Women's Center, UConn, Box U-118, Storrs 06828 486-4738

Women's Center, Wesleyan, Box WW, Wesleyan Sta., Middletown 06457 347-9411
Women's Liberation Center, New Haven, 148 Orange St., New Haven 06510 436-0645
Yalesbians, P.O. Box 2031, Yale Sta., New Haven 06520 436-8945

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All The Queens Women, 36-23 164th St., Flushing 11358 359-9204
Ass'n of Gay Social Workers, c/o Gay Switchboard Message Center, 110 East 23rd St., Suite 502, 10010 777-7697
Chelsea Gay Association 164 W 21st St. #1979 10011
Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 W. 14th St., 10004 242-6616
Dykes & Tykes Room 502, 110 E. 23rd St. 10010
Dykes & Tykes Legal Custody Center, Rm 502, 110 E. 23rd St., NYC 10010 777-8358
FOLKS (Friends of Little Kids) 989-6653
Gay Activists Alliance, P.O. Box 2, Village Station 677-0237
Gay Lawyers & Law Students' Group Postal Address: Law Group P.O. Box 1899 Grand Central Station 10017 628-8532

Gay and Lesbian Blind, 110 East 23rd St. Suite 502, NYC 10010
Gay People in Health Care 74 Grove St. Rm 2RW, 10014 499-1453
Gaysweek, 218 W. 18th St. 10011 929-7720
Gay Switchboard 777-1800
Gay Teacher's Association, 204 Lincoln Pl., Brooklyn 11217 789-8176/499-1060
Gay Women's Alternative, 4 W. 76th St. 10023 532-8669
Gayellow Pages P.O. Box 292, Village Sta. 744-2785
Integrity-Episcopal Gay Society, GPO Box 1549, 10001 989-6653
Lambda Legal Defense, P.O. Box 5448, Grand Central Sta., 10017 532-8197
Lesbian Herstory Archives, P.O. Box 1258, 10001 741-2610
Lesbian Switchboard 243 W. 20th St. 10010 242-1212
MCC/NY, 201 W. 13th St., 10011 734-7748
Mirth and Girth Club
National Coalition of Gay Activists, P.O. Box A-711, Grand Central Sta., 10017
National Gay Health Collective 55 West 26 St. #402, 10010 725-0114
National Gay Task Force, 80 Fifth Ave., Rm 1601 741-5800
National March on Washington 156 5th Ave., Rm 505, 10010
New York Gay Prisoners Support Committee, P.O. Box 2, Village Station, 10014 677-0237
Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop, 15 Christopher St. 255-8097
West Side Discussion Group, 26 Ninth Ave. (at W.14 St.) 675-0143

NEW YORK (STATE)

Affirmation (Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus), 34 Chestnut Rd., Delmar 12054
Alternatives Corner 374 Woodfield Rd. W. Hemstead, (516) 483-2050
Bisexual/Gay Women's Action Line (516) 791-5565
Broome County Gay Alliance, P.O. Box F-1711 Binghamton 13902 (607) 724-1973
Capital District Gay Community Center (7-11pm), 332 Hudson Ave., Albany 12210 (518) 462-6138
Capital District Gay Political Caucus, Box 131, Albany 12201 (518) 462-6138
Confide—counseling for transvestites and transsexuals. Box 56, Tappan 10983
Cornell Gay Liberation Room 28 Willard Straight Hall Cornell Univ., Ithaca 14853 (607) 256-6482
Dignity/Integrity/Rochester 42 Tyler House, 17 So. Fitzhugh St., Rochester 14614 (716) 232-6521
Dignity/L.I., P.O. 487P, Bayshore 11706
East End Gay Organization, P.O. Box 87, Southampton 11968
Empty Closet Collective, 1255 University Ave., Rochester 14607 (716) 271-6750
Gay Alliance of The Genesee Valley, Inc., 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester (716) 244-8640 14614 or 244-9030
Gay and Lesbian Alliance, P.O. Box 22740, Albany 12222
Gay Brotherhood of Rochester, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester (716) 244-8640
Gay Concerns Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Huntington, 109 Browns Rd., Huntington 11743 (607) 797-3453
(Fri-Sun, 7:30-10 p.m.)
Gay Liberation Front, U. of R., Wilson Commons, Rochester 14607 (716) 275-6181
Gay Light Collective, 389 W. Onondaga St., Syracuse 13202 (315) 475-6875
Gay Men and Women at Farmingdale (516) 420-2292
Gay Student Union, S.U.N.Y. (516) 246-7943
Gay Task Force, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester (Mon. 7pm) (716) 244-8640, 244-9030
Glad to Be Gay Radio Show (WHRW, 90.5FM) Thurs. 6:30-7:30 p.m.)
Hamilton-Kirkland Gay Alliance, Box 80, Hamilton College, Clinton 13323
Herizon — A Woman's Space 77 State St., Binghamton
Lambda Univ., Box 131, Albany 12201 (518) 462-6138
Lesbian Resource Center, 713 Monroe Ave., Rochester 14607 (716) 244-9030
Lesbian Switchboard (Mon. 7-9 p.m.) (607) 722-3629
NY State Coalition of Gay Organizations, Box 131, Albany 12201 (518) 462-6138
The Other Voice (Gay Publication) c/o Looking Left, SUNY Binghamton 13901
Westchester Gay Men's Assoc. 255 Grove St., White Plains, 10601
Gay Hotline (8-11pm) (914) 948-4922

CALENDAR

The deadline for Calendar Items is Tuesday at noon for the following issue.

June 23 sat

Cambridge, MA — Lesbians Fight Against Rape: Bringing It Out of the Closet. Women's Center, 46 Pleasant. 2-5pm.

Denver, CO — Third Annual Rocky Mountain Lesbian and Gay Symposium. Workshops and discussion groups on subjects of interest to the lesbian and gay community. Warren United Methodist Church, E. 14th and Gilpin. For info call 831-6268.

Boston, MA — OUT HERE! (Committee for Gay Youth) for lesbians and gay youth 14-21 meets EVERY SATURDAY from noon to 5pm at the Arlington Street Church, 355 Boylston. Join us for outings, raps, and projects.

Boston, MA — Chiltern Mt. Club is having a pot-luck supper and brief meeting. For info call Dennis Perry at 723-5363.

New York, NY — Sean Hartley's 'Decathlon', presented by The Glines (through July 1), 45th St. Playhouse, 345 W. 45th St. Reservations: 869-3530.

Riverdale, NJ — GAA/Morris County is sponsoring New Jersey's Second Annual Gay Liberation Celebration at Valley Spring Lake, Rt. 23. Gaymes, food, disco, theatre, swimming. Info: (201) 786-6050 or 763-4153.

24 sun

Cambridge, MA — Sheril Sherwood and the New Harmony Sisterhood Band will be performing from 7-11pm at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass Ave. in a benefit for: Families and Friends of Prisoners, Boston Bail Funds, and the Coalition to Stop Institutional Violence. Tickets are \$3.50 at the door or \$3 in advance at the Red Bookstore, 136 River St., Cambridge.

New York, NY — Christopher St. Liberation Day Parade, leaving Sheridan Square at Noon, and the Gay Walk for Freedom, leaving Washington Square at Noon.

San Francisco, CA — Gay Pride Parade followed by a festival in Civic Center Plaza. Info: (415) 641-0100.

Chicago, IL — Gay Pride Parade. Info: (312) 528-8786.

Houston, TX — Gay Pride Rally. Info: (713) 526-9719.

Cambridge, MA — Closet Space (740 AM, WCAS). Couples discuss the rewards and difficulties of gay/lesbian long-term relationships. 10am.

Gloucester, MA — North Shore Gay Alliance (NSGA) Summer Brunch at the White Rainbow Restaurant. Noon 'til 2pm. For info call 927-2605 or 745-7582 before June 20. \$6.

Philadelphia, PA — Gay Community Center Coffeehouse from 1-5pm at the Center, 326 Kater St. Call WA 2-1623 for information about other activities at the Center throughout the week.

25 mon

Boston, MA — Gay Light Support Group for high school and college age women who are, or are considering being, lesbians; meets EVERY MONDAY from 7-9pm at the Arlington St. Church, 355 Boylston. Join us for raps, projects, outings. Sponsored by the Committee for Gay Youth.

26 tues

New York, NY — West Side Discussion Group. Open Rap. Women only. Refreshments and social hour. \$2. 8:30pm. 26 9th Ave.

East Lansing, MI — Unitarian Universalist Gay Caucus General Assembly from June 26-30. Info: (212) 625-1058.

27 wed

Washington, DC — Gay People's Alliance of George Washington University is sponsoring a talk by representatives of the DC Gay Activists Alliance on the group's history and recent successes in DC politics. At the GPA Coffeehouse, Marvin Center, 800 21st St. NW. 8pm.

New York, NY — Chelsea Gay Alliance General Meeting and Potluck Supper at Church of the Holy Apostles, 360 W. 28th St., 8pm. Info: 691-0057.

Boston, MA — OUT HERE! Wednesday evening summer rap group organized by and for lesbian and gay youth. EVERY WEDNESDAY from 7-9pm at the Arlington St. Church, 355 Boylston. Join us for an alternative to the bars to meet and talk about our lives. For lesbians and gay youth 14-21.

Cambridge, MA — Diane Marlechild will speak on "Womancraft" at ClearSpace monthly Women's Concerns Meeting. 8pm (Business and planning meeting at 7pm). 485 Mass Ave. 876-0215.

Boston, MA — Mass. Caucus for Gay Legislation regular meeting at 73 Tremont St., Room 224, 7pm.

Ottawa, Ontario — Celebration '79, a conference for lesbians and gay men at the University of Ottawa from June 27-July 2, sponsored by the Canadian Lesbian and Gay Rights Coalition. Info: (613) 238-1717.

28 thurs

New York, NY — West Side Discussion Group. Michael Rehak of Gay and Lesbian Blind will lead a discussion on 'Gays and Blindness'. All are welcome. Refreshments and social hour. 8:30pm. \$2. 26 9th Ave.

Cambridge, MA — Second meeting-open house for TS women and TS men at 8pm. Call Outreach Institute for details: (617) 277-3454.

New York, NY — Gay Activists Alliance general membership meeting, 339 Lafayette (near Houston), 8:30pm. All are welcome.

New York, NY — The Glines presents A Festival of Gay Plays at the Spike Bar, 120 11th Ave. (at 20th St.). Tonight: Doric Wilson's 'A Perfect Relationship.' 9pm. \$4.

Boston, MA — Open meeting for all people interested in working on the Oct. 14 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights. Come and learn about the march, join committees, get to work! Glad Day Book Shop, 22 Bromfield St. (2nd fl). 8pm.

San Francisco, CA — "A different kind of night at the baths" (Ideas and energies of spirituality, political movements and psychotherapy become part of a night at the baths. Fair Oaks Hotel. 7pm. Call (415) 552-2220 for info.

Medford, MA — Roller skating at the Belerou. 7-9pm. \$2 (skates included).

29 fri

New York, NY — The Glines presents a Festival of Gay Plays at the Spike Bar, 120 11th Ave. Tonight: Robert Petrick's 'The Haunted Host' at 9pm. \$4 admission.

Madison, WI — Towards a National Men's Organization/Network/Community: discussions, workshops, dancing. For info call (608) 244-5303 (am) or 233-7826 (pm).

Concord, NH — Womenkind bag lunch. Topic: Being alone. Noon to 1pm, 15 Warren St.

30 sat

New York, NY — The Glines presents A Festival of Gay Plays at the Spike Bar, 120 11th Ave. Tonight: Doric Wilson's 'The West Street Gang.' 9pm. \$5.

New York, NY — Revolutionary Socialist League forum: 'The revolutionary struggle to smash gay oppression.' Bruce Glauber speaking for RSL. 215 W. 23rd St., Room 216. 7pm. Info: 869-9239.

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Boston, MA — The Chiltern Mountain Club is hiking through the Braintree Town Forest to Cranberry Pond. Info: Barbara Pease M-Th, (617) 495-4694, evenings before 10, 367-0394.

Cambridge, MA — ClearSpace women are organizing a day at Salsbury Beach for women and their children. Carpools will be formed at the Center, 485 Mass. Ave., at 9pm. Bring a picnic lunch. 876-0215.

Providence, RI — Fourth Annual Gay Pride Parade will assemble at Cathedral Square at 12:30pm.

July 1 sun

Los Angeles, CA — Gay Pride Parade, Santa Monica Blvd. between La Cienega and Robertson. Info: (213) 980-3074.

Houston, TX — Gay Pride Parade, down Westheimer. Info: (713) 526-9719.

New York, NY — The Glines presents A Festival of Gay Plays at the Spike Bar, 120 11th Ave. Tonight: Richard Hall's 'Prisoner of Love.' 9pm. \$3.

Boston, MA — Two big fundraisers for the Oct. 14 March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights: (1) Lesbian Cucus for the National Lesbian/Gay People's March on Washington is sponsoring an afternoon of women's culture. Local lesbian musicians and poets. Common Stock Restaurant, 48 Boylston St. (in Brookline). 1-5pm. Donation \$3 (brunch included). All women welcome. (2) "Come as you are, come as you were (in '60s costume)". Rock 'n' Roll Besh, entertainment, skits, 50-50 raffles. At The Bar, 252 Boylston, 2-8pm. \$3 at the door. Everyone welcome.

3 tues

New York, NY — Dykes and Tykee present 'At last, the rap session you've been waiting for.' (tonight) 'Coming out to your children,' at the Lesbian Mother Custody Center, 110 E. 23rd St., Room 502. 7pm.

New York, NY — West Side Discussion Group meeting for women only. Topic to be announced. 26 Ninth Ave. Info: (212) 875-9227.

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis, organization for women, discussion group EVERY TUESDAY and the FIRST, THIRD and FIFTH THURSDAYS of the month. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass Ave. 8pm. Bring refreshments to share. Cell 661-3833 for office hours and activities.

6 fri

Boston, MA — Evening of Black Women's Poetry and Music sponsored by Support for Women's Safety. Fuller Mental Health Center (near Boston City Hospital). Audre Lorde, Dianna Christmas, Kete Ruehlir and Fehanisha Brown will be reading. Tickets are \$3 at the door. 8pm.

7 sat

Cambridge, MA — Audre Lorde and Adrienne Rich will read their poetry at Sanders Theatre, Memorial Hall, Harvard. 8pm. Free child care.

Boston, MA — Chiltern Mountain Club Blue Hills hike, Canton. Call Robert Randall, 492-8333 (pm) or 862-8268 (am) for info.

Ipswich, MA — North Shore Gay Alliance (NSGA) is sponsoring a picnic at Crane's Beach from noon on. Look for the banner.

8 sun

New York, NY — Chelsea Gay Association CGA Game Day at St. Peter's Church Hall, 338 W. 20th St. 4pm.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian Sexual Imagery in the Fine Arts, a two-hour slide presentation by artist Tee Corinne. Two presentations, 3pm to 8pm at ClearSpace, 485 Mass. Ave. \$2. All women welcome.

28 sat

Boston, MA — Chiltern Mt. Club will be going camping and biking on Prince Edward Island (Canada) for 1-2 weeks. If you're interested call John at (617) 275-1336. Reservations for space must be made as far in advance as possible.

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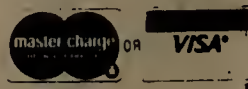
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